

ISRAELIS HOPE PEACE IS NEAR BUT ARE HOLDING THEIR BREATH



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By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT—

It's extraordinary to watch an entire country hold its breath.

Eban sees promise in peace

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO—

More than 2,000 disappointed persons were turned away from York University last Sunday, when one of the world's most eloquent orators, Abba Eban, former Israeli foreign minister, sounded a Spring message of hope and promise for the Middle East. Some of the 1,500 in Burton Auditorium overflowed onto the stage.

Appearing for the inaugural lecture of the annual Leonard Wolinsky Conferences on Jewish Life and Education, Eban delivered a tour de force of anecdotes, analysis and historical prognosis.

Something irrevocable has happened in the Middle East," announced the Cambridge-educated Eban, and recently visiting professor at Columbia and Princeton universities. "Sadat's voyage to Jerusalem has set the Middle East forever in a new direction for Jewish-Arab relationships... which will be marked by innovation."

Both Israel and Egypt revere the past, but history in this part of the world has been the adversary of the future. There has never been provision for Jewish sovereignty in Egypt's past, he said. Jews existed only as subjects but never bearers of independence.

The psychological breakthrough was the accommodation to Israel's presence. Once the internal battles of mind and heart had been resolved, the externalization of those new attitudes could be expressed in a peace treaty, explained Eban, who was appointed Israeli ambassador to the United States at the age of 35.

What gave solidarity to Egypt's gesture, he explained, was that Egypt's interests were best served by peace. Sadat himself described Egypt as a "mini-india" with its burgeoning population of 45 million growing at the rate of one-and-a-half million every year.

Sadat came to Jerusalem to make things possible for himself and his country, said Eban. It was the Egyptian leader's resolution to give priority to Egypt's problems that makes peace probable as well as possible.

But Eban cautioned that Sadat had not resigned from the Arab and Moslem family and would continue to assert strong pressure on a resolution of the Palestinian question.

The prospect of peace has also meant a radical shake-up of Israel's psychological values, said the former professor of Hebrew, Arabic and Persian languages and literature. Jews, he said wryly, have no experience with peace, only conflict. Beneath the veneer of Israeli vitality, something has always been choked, strangled, in the national psyche.

Israelis know how to live under siege, but regional harmony, what do we know of that? he asked. As Jews we are always asking the quintessential Jewish question: what are the dangers?

"We are, however, entitled to our security or insecurity complexes," he conceded. "No other people or nation has experienced our history of horror, or our burden of physical vulnerability."

"As the Arab architect for peace in the Middle East, Egypt has left the Arab world without a credible military option," Eban observed. "The Arab world cannot make either war or peace without Egypt."

He scored all who sought the "comprehensive solution" to peace that would encompass all interested parties—Russians, Palestinians as well as other Arab and Mos-

But that is what you see in Israel today, where people still don't know how to react to the peace treaty with Egypt.

Having suffered through decades of hostilities which left scarcely a family unscathed, they long for peace and would like to believe that it has finally been achieved.

However, they are not certain that it is in the offing; so in the meantime, they are holding their breath.

Some individuals, to be sure, have reacted differently, among them Sara, a secretary in a Tel Aviv insurance company. The day after the treaty was signed she brought a home-made cake and a couple of bottles of wine to her office for an impromptu party, because, as she put it, "we simply can't ignore what has happened."

And at my daughter Dana's junior high

school, most classes discussed the implications of the agreement and then all the kids joined in a "peace dance."

But there was little dancing in the streets, despite the fact that they were bedecked with flags and Israel Radio provided suitable background music in the form of "peace songs," some inspired by the Bible and others by Joan Baez.

Most Israelis have preferred to stay at home, watching the dramatic events on television and pondering the long-range implications of what they saw.

The not untypical reaction of an upstairs neighbor was to credit Sadat with a genuine desire for peace, but to add that "he could, after all, be bumped off by a single terrorist bullet, and then the treaty wouldn't be worth the paper on which it is written."

Another neighbor expressed concern at what the rejectionist Arabs would do. "Fatah bombs," she pointed out, "are already exploding in our streets and market-places, and tomorrow we could be faced with the hordes of new tanks and planes the Soviets have been pouring into Syria and Iraq."

Does that mean that Israelis are against the agreement with Egypt? Not at all. Public opinion polls and more empirical observations indicate that the angry outbursts of Knesset Members Geula Cohen and Moshe Shamir do not represent majority opinion; most citizens undoubtedly support Begin and the peace settlement he brought back with him from Washington.

This even includes people like our friend Chana, whose son was killed in one of the

fierce Golan Heights tank battles of the Yom Kippur War. "We have tried everything else; now we have to give peace a chance," she declared.

Other bereaved mothers have serious doubts. "My son Oren and his friends," Yael told me bitterly, "fell in Sinai to keep the Arabs from overrunning Ashkelon, Ashdod and Tel Aviv. Now we are letting them come back by ourselves, which means that sooner or later the brothers and cousins of those who fell will probably be fighting and dying in Sinai as well."

These are the voices of the mothers; we have no way of hearing the voices of their sons. However, some of the fallen have left behind literary testaments which indicate what their reactions might have been.

On the day that the treaty was signed in

Washington, Davar, a Tel Aviv daily, printed on its front page—next to hopeful editorials in Hebrew and Arabic—a poem about the possibilities of Middle East peace that was written by Yoram Muscat, who fell in the Six Day War. Entitled "A Wish," the poem concludes:

How I wish to break through
The circle of cruel illusions
And if only once
To don the robe of the good princes
Whose wishes come true
To dream and then to wake
And while awake to carry on the dream
It is tangible
So tangible that it is no longer a dream!
Now Israelis are holding their breath,
waiting to see whether Yoram's dream will finally come true.

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A SIMCHA LONG AGO

The time is May, 1913, the place is Montreal's Montefiore Club, and the Cohen clan is celebrating a wedding anniversary. Rabbi Lazarus Cohen, the grandfather of poet Leonard Cohen, is seen at back of the hall, far right corner. The photo was supplied by Alan Raymond.

CZF forms committee for Israel-Diaspora links

By DANIEL ACKS

TORONTO—

The Canadian Zionist Federation has announced formation of an Israel Affairs Committee under the chairmanship of Penny Bowman in order to create a stronger

bond between the Jewish community and the state of Israel. A media and grassroots campaign to push for Canada's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital city will be the committee's first plan of action.

According to Eliot Sargon, executive director of the CZF, Central Region, the new committee will operate as an "informal information bureau which presents current Israeli affairs in an honest, straightforward manner."

Acting as a "warehouse facility" through the distribution of information material—films, books, pamphlets—the Israel Affairs Committee will serve as a link between the CZF and affiliate Zionist groups. The planned organization of a speakers' bureau and central registry will provide Jewish groups with an educational source on current Israeli affairs.

A further objective of IAC will be to promote the purchase of Israeli products in the Canadian market. "We have to do the utmost to introduce Israeli products into the Canadian economy," said Bowman. "The committee has prepared a list of all retailers in Toronto and Montreal who carry Israeli products and we urge all concerned Jews to patronize these stores. If you don't see it, ask for it. That is the only way new Israeli products will be imported into our country."

In conjunction with announcing the formation of the IAC, Faye Schenk, chairman of the organization department of the World Zionist Organization, said the idea of a united Jerusalem should be a priority item of all world-wide Zionist organizations.

"The push for recognition

of Jerusalem has always been a slow steady process," she said. "There is a need now for more outspokenness and articulation regarding recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Jerusalem will be one of the negotiating factors in the peace treaty. Let's get our words and actions felt as soon as possible."

Schenk outlined some of the difficulties inherent to such a collective effort. "Each department within the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency works independently," she said. "There is a built-in system whereby each operation promotes its own mandate of work. This is the greatest weakness."

According to her, the aim of her organization department is to co-ordinate these diverse groups towards the ultimate goal of aliya. The chairman conceded, however, that "we have not managed this co-ordination. Each believes the answer resides with his particular department. It all has to integrate. When Jewish blood didn't flow we couldn't get the Jews to react. Without the enemy at the front door, it will be tough to motivate Jews. We must train and educate the Diaspora. Israel needs western aliya."

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By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The price of kosher meat ranks among the top three concerns of the St. Laurent Jewish community, alongside the Quebec political situation and a feeling of isolation from organized Jewish community life in Montreal.

This is the finding of the Joint Outreach Committee of Allied Jewish Community Services and Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region, after conducting informal "parlor" meetings for the past year in that West Island suburb.

While the committee has limited itself to St. Laurent to date, it believes its findings are representative of the greater Montreal Jewish community.

"These concerns were expressed at all of the parlor meetings that were held," said Frances Segall, co-chairman with Lil Satim of a 22-member volunteer St. Laurent core group which is presently working on future plans of action in the three areas.

A committee on kashruth, chaired by St. Laurent housewife Eudice Bauer, already held its first official meeting recently at Samuel Bronfman House.

Calling itself the committee of concerned citizens to investigate the high cost of kosher meat, its initial meeting was attended by representatives of the Conservative, Orthodox and Sephardic communities, as well as a member of the Vaad Hair, the supervisory body of kashruth in Montreal.

"The meeting was only a first step," said Ruth Lazarus, the CJC professional working with the Outreach project. "Everybody agreed that the price of kosher meat is too high here and that something should be done. Even though in the past there have been other groups who have tried unsuccessfully to alter the situation the mood at the meeting was 'let's try again'."

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kind of plan of action.

Guest speakers will be Irving Halperin, chairman of the executive committee of AJCS; Ed Wolkove, chairman of CJC, Eastern Region; and Jack Kantrowitz, research director of the Jewish Community Research Institute.

The meeting will serve as an opportunity for AJCS and CJC to inform community members on matters of concern to Jews in Quebec and also to allow individuals to tell the leadership how they feel.

"We found a definite lack of knowledge, even among those who were somewhat involved with the community, about AJCS and CJC.... Unless they had at one time a need for a specific service, they had only a vague notion of the organized community," said Phyllis Amber, the AJCS professional working with the St. Laurent project.

"We were encouraged though to find that many people in St. Laurent wanted to get involved with the community but were reluctant because they did not know how to go about it," said Mrs. Lazarus.

One of the ideas being toyed with is a four or five-part "community orientation" series, to be given by the CJC and AJCS leadership.

On the political situation, the Outreach committee found that the "panic" has subsided, although the uncertainty about the future for Jews in Quebec remains. People wanted to know what they could do to adjust to a French environment and how to become more involved with Quebec political life, it was discovered.

A number of persons offered to work on a political committee that would concern itself with such matters as informing the ordinary person of his rights, how to join a political party, the significance of the upcoming referendum, etc. The proposed committee would be careful not to duplicate the work

Cotler plans new appeal

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —

McGill law professor Irwin Cotler, counsel to Anatoly Scharansky, is on the point of filing a new appeal on behalf of the imprisoned Soviet human rights activist.

The appeal, documenting major violations in the conditions of Scharansky's confinement, will supplement the 900-page legal petition that he filed last fall. It will contain new evidence of continuing violations by the Soviet Union of both Soviet and international law in the Scharansky case.

The appeal was one of several new initiatives on behalf of Scharansky disclosed by Cotler in a joint news conference with Avital Scharansky's latest visit as the "most productive" one she has made to Canada on behalf of her husband.

"This new appeal," said Cotler, "will document through evidence obtained from the USSR, seven major violations by the Soviet Union of Scharansky's conditions of confinement, including the cancellation of his semi-annual visit with his family; interception and confiscation or correspondence; harass-

ment of the various unity groups already in existence in Quebec."

A clearer idea of what action should be taken as a result of the Outreach project's findings is expected to emerge from the meeting on April 29. The meeting will take the form of a round-table discussion. A wrap-up summary will be given at the end of the morning of the views expressed at each round table.

Chairmen of the meeting will be Mrs. Segall, Mrs. Satim, and Maurice Cohen. Howard Berger will give the summary. All four are members of the St. Laurent core group.

Since the spring of 1978, the Outreach committee has visited 150 households, reaching an estimated 350-500 individuals. St. Laurent has a Jewish population of about 7,000.

St. Laurent is the first area that the Outreach project, chaired by Phyllis Waxman and Flora Naglie, has worked with. It was chosen because it has not in the past been well served by the community organizations.

Through the core group, chaired by Mrs. Segal and Mrs. Satim, a permanent liaison has been established between St. Laurent and AJCS and Congress. Responsibility for future programming in St. Laurent will now rest with this group, many of whose members have undergone a special leadership training course.

The two professionals from AJCS and CJC have been freed to organize similar projects in other suburbs, although they will continue to offer counselling when needed.

The findings are not to be confused with the JCRI survey of Jewish households on Montreal. The latter was a scientific, demographic study, said Mrs. Amber. "Outreach is more concerned with working at the human level."

ment of the Scharansky family in Moscow; intimidation of witnesses, and so on."

Cotler also said he is presently organizing an international legal appeal on behalf of Scharansky, involving distinguished jurists from the U.S., Canada, Europe and the Third World. The new appeal, to be addressed to the procurator-general of the USSR, will be the first international legal appeal of its kind ever organized.

The Canadian human rights lawyer also indicated that both Prime Minister Trudeau and Opposition Leader Joe Clark had renewed their pledges of support on behalf of Scharansky. The Canadian government issued what Cotler termed as the "most significant statement of public policy in the Scharansky" yet made by any leader in the western world.

Cotler revealed the contents of a letter addressed to Mrs. Scharansky in which the Canadian Prime Minister advised her that "you can rest assured your husband's case will remain on our agenda for discussions we hold with the Soviet government on human rights matters."

Abba Eban, Israel's former foreign minister, rouses a crowd with oratorical single.

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מאז-בכל שנה נערכות חגיגות לזכור
הנשחטת חסידי סאטמאר על ידי
הממשלה הישראלית. יש לנו מדינה
עצמאית - מדינה שלנו!

"אכינו שבטנים, צור ישראל ונאכלו!
ברך את מדינת ישראל, ראשית צמחת
גאולתנו." (תפלה לעולם המדינה)
בנושא "השואה" - איך להפגין לילדים?
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נפס ילד מחקש לחפס את מספרו. מ-
איפה צריך להתחיל את "הספירה"? אולי
כבר מהתאבדות עמק לורד המדבר...
או מהמספר הרשמי... מספרי הצלב... מעלילות
הדם... מהפגרומים?

כיצד להמשיך לילדים את גורל האסון
על פנת סידורו, וננסו להבין ולא יבחנו.
- אחת מהרשימות היא לקרוב את אשר היה
אל העולם החדש של הילד; הקרוב ללבם.
- הבת שלי... יום הולדתה מתקרב והוא
חל בחורש של יום הזכרון לשואה. כמו

בכל שנה גם הפעם היא קיבלה אגרת ברכה
מהסאטמאר והסאטמאר אשר גרים בירושלים.
"הם אף פעם לא שוכחים!" אמרה לי.
"לפעמים סבתא וסבתא זוכרים דברים כ-
אלה ירחו טוב מהזכרון." עניתי בהסכמה.
בתי המשיכה לזכור מה להסתכל באגרת ו-
לפתח הרגשתי שפניה הקליטה הפכו מאד
רציניות. עצובה ומהרהרת עכרונה.

"מה קרה?" אני רוצה לדעת לאן ברח לר
פצב הרות המבושה שהיה לה. "אני חושבת"
היא מסבירה לי... "אני חושבת על כל
מה מספרת לי, אאמא. על הסאטמאר והסאטמאר;
גורמניה... האאמא והאאמא של החורשים שלך;
את כולם... את כולם..."

"את כולם הרגו." אני עוזרת לה לסיים
את המספר, אך בתי מיד משיכה: "ואני
חושבת על כל הדברים שלי יש ו... וה-
חורשים של אאמא שלך והחורשים של אאמא שלך
אף פעם לא ראו אותך בשטלה יפה... ואל
הדליקו אתך גררת חנוכה, ולא פסעו אותך
שואלי את "מה נשתנה", ואף פעם לא ראו
אחך בחתונה מפורסמת ולא קבר לך

אופנים ליום ההולדת ו... בהי שקחה
לרע ואז שמעתי אותה לחזקת: "זה עצוב
נורא... כל כך עצוב..."

אני מסתכלת בילדי ובביתו בעיניים ה-
שחורות, הגדולות שלה... פסע אחת אמה
לי ודוהי, שגרה בקבוץ בגליל, שכאשר
היא רואה את הבת שלי היא נזכרת בפנים
של אנה פרנק.

החזון של מוכיח הנביא יסמיהו, בפרק 12
נראה נחגלה ע"י ערב וספר עתה ב-
סוזיאון ישראל. החזון הוא עטן והחזון
הוא בכח עברי קדום ומיוחס לברוך בן
נריה שהיה נאמן לירמיהו אשר נאמר ב-
פקודת הכהן גדליהו (ירמיהו ל"ב).

World in Hebrew

By JOSEPH KLINGER



עובדות: פסקו צבן הפרטים

כיום ה' באיר חשית הוכרו על
הקמת מדינת ישראל נאמן ישראל;
יום זה נקבע חג לזכרון - יום
העצמאות.

עם ישראל יצא לגלות פסטיים;-
בבל נשכחה הגלות כ-150 שנה אף ה-
גלות שלאחר כבוש הארץ על ידי ה-
רומאים נשכחה אלפיים שנה. ואולם

במשך כל אותן שנים העם לא שכח את
ארצו ובטא את בעגוריו בחפלה.
"ולירושלים עירך בהחלט שחב ו-
שכון בחוכה כאשר דברת, בונה אותה
בקרוב בימינו כיום עולם." (ספר
תפלה ספרה עשרה)

"אם חרבו און וו אנדה" ...
צריך היה כנראה לעבור זמן רב עד
שבא עידן העת החדשה ועמה חינוך
השאיפה לגאולה בפעילות הפוליטית.

בשנת 1897 אורגן בהצלחה הקונגרס
הציוני הראשון וסנהגב התנועה היה
בנימין זאב הרצל. ב-2 לנובמבר
1917 הייתה התקדמות נוספת בהשגת
שנתן הלורד בלפור ללורד רוטשילד
שהממשלה הבריטית תומכת בהקמת בית
לאומי בארץ ישראל ליהודים.

בארץ שלטו באותה עת האנגלים וה-
ערים שבפיקוס לא ראו בעין ופה אח
החלה היהודית. כמו כן, אדמה הארץ
היתה שוממה ביותר. כך - בקת ובקונה
אחת צריך היה ליישב ולעבור את ה-
אדמה, לסכור מפני התקפות הערבים
ולא לתת לאנגלים להפריע בבניה.

אלפי פליטים הגיעו לארץ בגלוי ו-
בסתר ובארץ התארגנו לשכירה ולה-
ישה. ב-29 לנובמבר 1947 הצביע ה-
א"ס בעד הקמת מדינת ישראל. חושבי
הארץ היו מאושרים ואולם עוד עמדה
בפניהם מלחמה קשה. ב-15 למאי עזבו
האנגלים ולבשרת ב-16 למאי 1948
פלשו צבאות ערב לארץ. זו הייתה מ-
לחמה לקיום, לחיים והיתה רק אפשר-
ות אחת: לנצח! ב-7 לינואר 1949 ה-
סתיימה מלחמת העצמאות.



DEBATING THE TERMS

Israel's recent Knesset debate on the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was heated and full of sound and fury, signifying an historic transition in the Middle East. Menachem Begin and Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin react to a remark in



(IPPA photos)

the chamber (left). Begin explains his policy to Labor MKs (top). An MK from the Likud, the governing coalition that won power in May of 1977, chats with the prime minister, who appears to be in fine fettle. Knesset approved the treaty.

Cairo synagogue hopes for revival

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The tiny Jewish community in Cairo has high hopes for a revival once normal relations are established between Israel and Egypt and Israel

opens its Embassy in the Egyptian capital in about nine months. Salim Salameh, secretary of the 75-year-old Shaar Shamayim Synagogue in downtown Cairo said in an interview

published in Maariv that the arrival of Israeli families to work at the Embassy should add new members to the congregation so that it can resume many of its religious

and communal functions. The synagogue, once the centre of a flourishing Jewish community, is in a bad state of disrepair and its membership has dwindled to about 170 elderly

persons. Salameh, 64, is the only Jew still in the employ of the Egyptian government. He praised President Anwar Sadat as the "angel" who brought peace and said that the

visit of Israeli Premier Menachem Begin to the synagogue Monday was the greatest day in his life. Robert Rahman, 64, a Jewish merchant, said he hoped Israel would send a rabbi to the Cairo synagogue to rebuild the community.

Baden-Baden's public prosecutor offers reward for arrest of SS doctor

BONN (JCN) —

Baden-Baden's public prosecutor has offered a reward of 15,000 marks (about 3,950 pounds) for information leading to the arrest of Dr. Aribert Heim, 64, a former SS doc-

tor accused of conducting medical experiments and the murder of many inmates of Mauthausen death camp in 1941 and 1942. Dr. Heim disappeared in 1962 and is believed to

be living abroad. He is reported to be still receiving grants collected for a house he owns in West Berlin. Six members of a militant neo-Nazi group in the

north German State of Schleswig-Holstein will be charged with terrorist activities, a state government spokesman has announced. In Luebnburg, Edgar

Geiss, 48, a member of a militant neo-Nazi group, has been charged with disseminating neo-Nazi literature and defaming the West German democratic State. Geiss, a journalist, was

fined 2,520 pounds last year when he was convicted of similar charges. Disciplinary inquiries have been stepped into the conduct of Karl Krah, a teacher in a Hannoversch Mueenden secondary school, near Brunswick, who had been accused of distributing original Nazi literature to his pupils.

High wages offered by the U.S. has alarmed some Israeli officials

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Reports that the U.S. Defence Department will offer Israeli workers wages as high as \$150 per

day in the construction of two new air bases in the Negev have alarmed Israeli officials. This is about 10 times the average

wage in Israel and Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Patt is frankly worried about the impact it will have on the local labor market.

He expressed concern that thousands of Israeli workers would leave their present jobs for the airfield bonanza in the Negev and that the country's entire wage structure would be undermined. Apart from the severe inflationary pressure of such high pay, it could also inspire large-scale "veridia" — emigration of Israelis, Patt warned in a statement.

The U.S. is to finance the construction of two of the three new air bases to be built in the Negev to replace those Israel will give up in Sinai. Patt said that if the Americans require local labor they should do their hiring through local employment agencies and contractors rather than solicit workers directly.

A high-ranking Pentagon official, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, David McGiffert, is due here possibly to sign agreements for the construction of the two airfields. A team of Pentagon

Interpreting photographs

JERUSALEM —

A rare collection of aerial war photographs of the Holy Land taken by British and Australian airmen during World War I are being interpreted by Jerusalem geographers in a bid to provide reliable information on settlement structures in this country through the early decades of this century.

The collection of nearly 2,000 photos was loaned by the Australian War Memorial Archives in Canberra to Dov Gavish of the Hebrew University's geography department. He and his colleagues are busy identifying and classifying the pictures with the help of British war maps from the time so that they can be returned to Australia, sorted and catalogued.

Of most relevance are those photos of the Turkish front line taken in August 1918, when General Allenby's forces were preparing for their decisive attack on the Turkish defences which stretched from the Yarkon River in the north, through Samaria and Jericho to the east bank of the Jordan.

The evidence accumulated from the photos will be useful not only to geographers, historians, geologists, climatologists and botanists, but to legal men and settlement bodies who want information about settlement on a particular parcel of land before 1948. Since aerial photos providing an overall view of the region are often more useful than a field survey or ground visit, the information is being billed as not only of academic, but national interest, particularly as the question of future Jewish settlement in disputed areas becomes more of a political conundrum.

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SCROLL OF HONOR

Haim Ben-Shahar, president of Tel Aviv University (left), presents honorary degree to labor leader George Meany at a Miami ceremony. Meany, head of the AFL-CIO, has been an ardent supporter of Israel for years.

Rabbi Jakobovits refuses to denounce liberal Jews

LONDON (JCN) —

Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, Britain's Chief Rabbi, has refused to join the Beth Din of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations and a large group of roshai yeshivo and rabbis of independent Orthodox congregations, in a blanket denunciation of Reform and Liberal Jews. In response to an inquiry from the "Jewish Chronicle", the Chief Rabbi said: "I respect the honor of the Torah too much to enter into a public dispute with rabbis whose commitment I share. But their jurisdiction or sympathy is limited to 'Independent Orthodox' and I cannot adopt their policies, certainly not without alienating the bulk of Anglo-Jewry from Orthodoxy."

The independent Orthodox rabbinat, headed by Rabbi H.B. Padwa and including Rabbi M.M. Schneebalg, the head of the Machzikei Hadass community in Manchester, as well as the Stanislav and Sassov Rebbees and the rosh yeshiva of Gateshead, joined last week in a statement which said: "In the light of recent events, we feel it our duty to declare that, according to the Torah, the Reform, Liberal and all kindred movements bear no relationship whatsoever to Judaism. Their followers have rejected Divine Authority, their beliefs are heretical and the very existence of such groups is a denial of the Written and Oral Law given to us at Sinai."

Furthermore, any participation with these movements and their leaders gives them moral support, and undermines our own firm adherence to Torah. "Anyone who imagines

that these dissenters can be brought back into the fold by consorting with them, is deluding himself and misleading others. Instead, such contact will repel the Orthodox and those awaiting proper spiritual guidance.

The target of their wrath (although at least two of the rabbis are known to have been reluctant signatories), was presumed to be the Chief Rabbi, who recently participated in a solidarity seminar with representatives of the non-Orthodox communities.

Dr. Jakobovits told the "Jewish Chronicle": "I cannot exclude non-observant Jews from my concern and co-operation. This would gravely damage Orthodox interests, as well as communal unity, and the endeavors based on it, notably in the support of Jewish education."

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This is the first of an ongoing column reporting fortnightly on the activities of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Alan Rose, CJC executive vice-president, met with Roger P. Gilbert, director of the Latin American division of the Department of External Affairs, and his staff regarding matters of interest to the South American Jewish community. Other meetings included a discussion with senior staff of the department on the position of Jews in the Soviet Union and the presentation of materials for the Madrid Review.

External Affairs Minister Donald Jamieson, who met with the Prisoner of Conscience families March 27, assured family members that he would do his utmost on their behalf including representations to the Soviet Government. He indicated that copies of the representation would be sent to all Canadian missions around the world. The meeting was organized by the CJC Canadian Committee For Soviet Jewry.

The CJC National Committee on Yiddish was awarded a \$5,000.00 grant for "Anthology of Canadian Jewish Writing" by Norman Calkin, Minister of State for Multiculturalism.

CJC recently re-activated its national youth committee under the chairmanship of Larry Ankiewicz, to improve co-ordination of Jewish youth programs across Canada and to generate new youth programs. The committee is now concentrating on its summer camp program in cooperation with the Canadian Zionist Federation to provide Jewish content programs to campers and staff. Leadership development seminars to seek out and encourage young Jewish leaders is planned for late August.

Yom Hashoa, the Memorial Day for the six million Jewish martyrs of the Holocaust, will be observed at a community-wide memorial service April 22, in Montreal, under the auspices of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region. Other programs are planned throughout Canada.

The Joint Community Relations Committee, Central Region, met recently in Toronto with Morley Wolfe, presiding. Topics included: religious practices and teaching in public schools; teaching manual on human rights dealing with the Holocaust; anti-boycott law of Ontario; Statute of Limitations; several anti-Semitic articles; neo-Nazi groups.

Rabbi Dr. W. Gunther Plaut, CJC national president, was the recipient of the coveted Ben Sadowski Award of Merit for 1978, presented to him by Dr. Arnold A. Epstein at the annual meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress April 1.

Tiny art gallery is big success

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON—Thanks to its energetic and knowledgeable curator, a tiny art gallery run on a strictly volunteer basis has become a much sought-after showcase for many Ontario artists. So successful is it, in fact, says Liesl Neuberger, that the gallery is almost fully booked till the end of 1980.

The gallery is in the McMaster University Medical Centre and was architect Eberhard Zeidler's idea, intended as a service to the hospital community "to make the hospital more human and less sterile," according to Mrs. Neuberger.

Although most of its visitors are doctors, nurses and other hospital staff, it has obviously become much more than that in the four years since Mrs. Neuberger became curator.

An average of 800 people per month come through the gallery," she says and, somewhat to her own surprise, considering the gallery's location, "we get a lot of people from Toronto."

Her career organizing art exhibits began at Holy Blossom Temple when she was Mrs. Liesl Wolfe, the name by which people in Toronto still introduce her. In Hamilton since 1968, when she married her second husband, Ernst Neuberger, she joined him at Temple Anshe Shalom "because Marjorie Baskin (wife of Rabbi Bernard Baskin) knew me. She was after me right from the beginning to do the same thing here, and I became chairman of the now-defunct Temple sisterhood fine arts committee.

"Things have changed dramatically as far as art goes since I first came to Toronto," notes Mrs. Neuberger. German-born but raised in Holland where her father, a politically active textile designer, had moved the family in the early 1930s, she has been a Torontonian since she came to Canada on what turned out to be the last ship out of Holland in September, 1939.

In those days the girls she knew in Toronto couldn't understand what she saw in art. Nevertheless, she continued to pursue her interests and took courses at the Ontario College of Art.

An accomplished potter today, Mrs. Neuberger wishes she had more time to devote to her craft but at the same time somewhat wistfully acknowledges she would be happy if her job were a paying one, because "you can't have a full-time volunteer job."

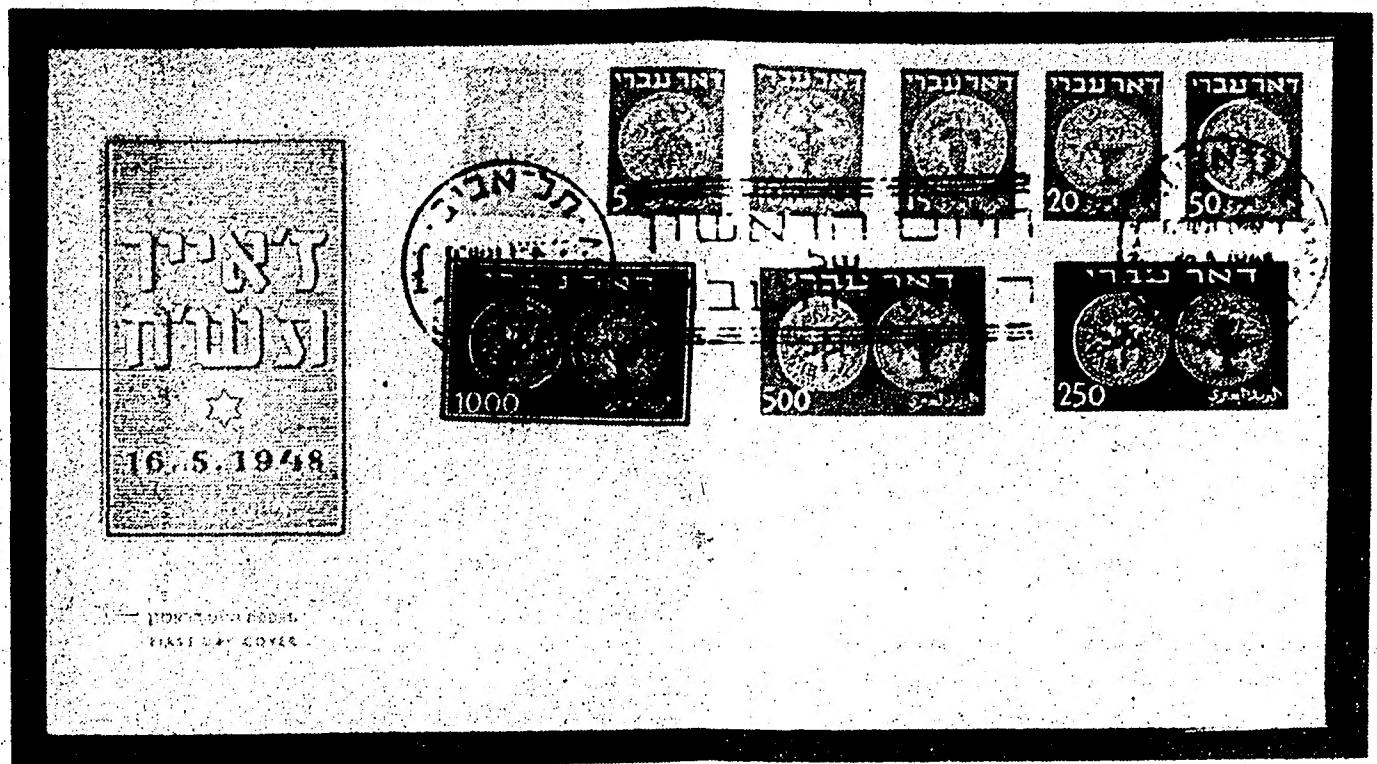
She puts in about 40 hours a month "but to do a really first-class job, I would have to be here much longer." On the other hand, there probably wouldn't be "the co-operation we get now if it were a commercial operation."

The gallery's funds come "25% from sales, just enough to keep us afloat." But "art doesn't sell," she laughs, explaining it is the proceeds from "the three or four craft shows a year that pay my bills."

Artistically, she adds, "I find crafts as valid as the art of the painter or sculptor. I only choose first-rate craftsmen."

Mrs. Neuberger has a reputation "for showing things that are way out." To ensure that her staff—two hostesses must always be on duty during gallery hours—can discuss exhibits if asked, "we have orientation sessions for each exhibition for all volunteers, with the artist present whenever possible. In any case, the volunteers—all of them members of the hospital volunteer association—always like to learn something about it."

She has shown the works of many well-known Toronto artists but her greatest thrill was when a Paul Fournier painting she submitted to the government of Ontario when it was establishing a collection in honor of the Queen's last Canadian visit, was included in what has become known as the Queen's Collection.



Israel's first stamps, issued May 16, 1948, depicted ancient Hebrew coins minted almost 2,000 years ago.

Proposed CJC by-law changes spark debate at Central Region

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO—Heated debate greeted certain of the proposals for changes in the Canadian Jewish Congress by-laws submitted for regional approval at last week's Central Region executive meeting.

The proposed regional format of representation to the CJC and the election of 42 delegates from these regions to the national executive were approved. A revision of the number of

proposed delegates—30—to the national executive from national organizations was urged, as was a re-assessment of some of those organizations listed as qualifying for national status.

The hottest bone of contention, the abolition of the national council, was tabled to another CJC Central Region executive meeting to be held by May.

The CJC's organizational committee has been organizing proposed changes since last year. Committee co-chairman David Satok presented the recommendations here. They will be similarly presented for Western Region approval, in Saskatchewan, April 22, for Eastern Region approval, in Montreal, April 25, and for Atlantic Region approval, April 27. National approval of accepted proposals is slated for May 20. J.B. Salsberg, chairman of the Yiddish committee, opened central executive reaction to the proposals with an "observation of principle."

"I disagree with the whole manner in which the Congress of tomorrow is being dealt with," he said. "I will not be satisfied until everything is discussed completely. There are serious challenges facing the Jewish community, which won't be affected positively by these organizational proposals. These won't help us come to grips with what's really wrong. . . . We should be able to meet regionally and discuss these fundamental problems."

Satok replied that he "understands the problems. But let's get through these proposals so that we can devote the plenary session to these concerns."

Another objection made was that the two largest components of Canada's Jewish community—Toronto and Montreal, each with about 125,000 Jews—would be under-represented on the national executive if allowed only 12 representatives each, as proposed. Satok replied that whatever their status in theory, both cities would probably continue to be at least equitably represented in practice.

"Representatives from the outlying regions usually don't show up" (to meetings) as often as they are allowed to, he said.

Harry Simon, chairman of the anti-Nazi committee and national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, said that the proposals were cutting representation from societies and folk groups and seemed to be severely limiting representation from very active religious groups like the Reform and the Orthodox. And the fact that there was only a single youth organization with national status and thus able to send a delegate to the national executive—Canadian Youth Network—was "termed by Simon as 'disgraceful.'"

Rabbi Jordan Pearson, national chairman of the

Joint Community Relations Committee, questioned enlarging the national executive to a total of 140, as proposed, saying that its regular meetings—at least six times a year—could consume inordinate amounts of travel time and expenses.

Milton Harris, CJC national vice-president, answered that the development of Canada's Jewish community had to allow for input from all areas where there were significant Jewish segments.

Rose Wolfe, Toronto Jewish Congress president, added that "some kind of mechanism to make the input of the executive committee more meaningful" would have to be worked out.

Abolition of the national council—theoretically Congress' highest legislative body between plenary

assemblies, although it has not met for years—and abrogation of its powers to the national executive was the proposal that generated the most debate, Salsberg argued for its retention, saying that the "national leadership utilize it to consult, transmit information, guidance and instruction, and provide an input and an output on a regional basis."

Rabbi Gunther Plaut, CJC's national president, suggested that the national council be left as is without specifying any meeting times for it. "We can have, in other words, the opportunity of calling the national council between plenaries if the need arises," But Harris said this would be a "trap."

He added: "For the national council to exist, it needs a constitution. If it's not abolished, it will retain the ultimate legislative authority."

A motion was passed to table the national council abolition proposal to another meeting.

Passed was the proposal to expand geographic representation to six regions comprising Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Pacific from the present four. Also passed was the proposal to add four presidents of community councils in Canada to the national executive. The proposal to maintain chairmen of CJC national committees on the national executive was also approved.

As mentioned above, approval was given to the proposal of electing 42 delegates from the expanded regions to the national executive.

upon the Soviet ambassador to express the Canadian government's concern about the plight of Scharansky.

Mrs. Scharansky also addressed a special "briefing" luncheon of distinguished Quebec jurists convened by Cotler and which included Edouard Rinfret, chief justice of the Quebec Council of Appeal, Justice Jules Deschenes, chief justice of the Quebec Superior court, and other leading members of the Quebec bench and bar. It was subsequently announced that the Lord Reading Law Society, an association representing 600 Quebec lawyers, had associated itself with the legal appeal.

In addition to what Cotler called "the very compelling" bi-partisan political support and the endorsements of leading Canadian jurists, the appeal has won support from leading Canadian scientists, including Nobel Laureate Gerhard Herzberg, the francophone section of Amnesty International, The Canadian Labor Congress, distinguished members of the clergy and leading Canadian human rights associations.

Commenting on the violations of Scharansky's conditions of confinement, Trudeau told Mrs. Scharansky: "I can only deplore such inhumane treatment of a prisoner and hope that the Soviet Government will soon release him and allow him to come to Canada."

In a similar move, Opposition Leader Joe Clark endorsed Cotler's legal appeal and called upon the Soviet authorities to release the imprisoned Jewish activist. During her visit here, Mrs. Scharansky met with a number of senior Canadian officials, including Justice Minister Marc Lalonde, Multi-Cultural Affairs Minister Norman Calkin, Labor Minister Martin O'Connell and Defence Minister Barney Danson. Mrs. Scharansky was reported to be highly encouraged by the steps resulting from the sympathetic reception she received.

Cotler and Mrs. Scharansky also briefed the Canadian Parliamentary Helsinki Group, whose committee chairmen, Charles Caccia and Labor Minister O'Connell, called

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'Abandon untrue images of Jews'

TORONTO —

Toronto's chief Roman Catholic clergyman, Archbishop Emmett Carter, has urged parishioners in a Lenten message to abandon untrue images they harbor of Jews.

"We must recognize and abandon the false stereotypes that we have often had of others, especially the Jews," he said in his message, a copy of which the Archdiocese of Toronto sent to The Canadian Jewish News.

Meanwhile, the senior minister of the Protestant Timothy Eaton Memorial Church here, writes, in an article submitted to The CJN that "there was nothing Hitler did that he did not learn from the church."

Rev. Stanford Lucy adds: "...the church's negative anti-Judaic myths became more than sick theology — they were incorporated into laws and societal practice that vilified, ghettoized, and left without rights, the Jewish community in Western Christendom."

In his message, Archbishop Carter emphasized Christianity's debt to Judaism. "It is difficult to overemphasize the importance of our Jewish heritage. In the words of Pius XI, we are all spiritually Semites... Jesus was a first century Palestinian Jew. His way of thinking, feeling and expressing himself was as moulded by his milieu as ours is by our particular cultural heritage and experience..."

"The drama of the life and death of Jesus was played out almost entirely within the confines of the Jewish people."

He said the Gospels and other writings of the New Testament "are permeated with the language, images and religious themes of the Hebrew Scriptures."

Touching on the Holocaust, Carter said the Nazis' ideology was not religious but racist. "It had a kind of religious significance for its major perpetrators, but the religion it reflected was a blasphemous dedication of race, people and blood."

He expressed the hope that peace and justice would descend on the Middle East.

Rev. Lucy notes that not only do Christians suppress the theological roots of anti-Semitism, but also suppress "the historical fact that when the church gained political ascendancy in 312 C.E., the Christians translated their theological anti-Semitism into law."

The Spanish Inquisition, he observes, was in the "outdoor oven business" long before Hitler invented the more efficient crematoria.

"Until Christians acknowledge that suppressed history (of anti-Jewish persecution) there can be no honest dialogue and rapprochement with the Hebrew community, to say nothing of Christianity being healed of its illness..."

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Reflecting reality

In an essay several years ago, Prof. Ernst Simon of the Hebrew University predicted that the impact of Israel on Jewish life would be so great that the shape of Judaism itself would be transformed within the frontiers of the Jewish state.

Several developments in the last decade tend to validate the professor's thesis.

In Eastern Europe, the yeshiva, that mainstay of Jewish scholarship, was largely an institution which sought to insulate its students from the outside secular world. Teaching piety and textual study the European yeshivot produced generations of rabbis and Jewish scholars.

In Israel today, however, the yeshivot are undergoing subtle changes. Some, of course have merely replicated the profile of Eastern Europe and are concentrating on creating solid Talmudists and Torah savants. Most of the other yeshivot, however, reflect the realities of Israeli life in a way that might have shocked their European forebears.

The exigencies of security, for example, have induced the "hesder" yeshivot to arrange for their students to co-ordinate their military service without falling back in their studies. This represents a giant stride from the days in 1948 when several yeshiva heads asked David Ben Gurion to exempt their students from the army. The example of yeshiva youth serving their nation under

arms is bound to occasion admiration and respect.

The success of yeshivot located on agricultural farms and kibbutzim is also changing the perception and perhaps the nature of the yeshiva itself. The combination of working the land and perusing the texts is inducing a new kind of mellowness in the approach to both. Halachic problems in this environment are no mere abstractions, remote from life, but concrete, often practical questions affecting the lives of the participants.

The most spectacular change in the rhythm of the yeshiva community, however, is seen in the outreach program sponsored by several Jerusalem-based institutions which actively seek out alienated and disoriented Jewish youth who lead aimless lives. Emissaries from these yeshivot eschew the traditional black coat uniform. They dress in dungarees, sweatshirts and sneakers and instead of waiting for people to ask to be taught Torah, they initiate the process and invite troubled youth to share tradition with them.

The results of their efforts have been promising. Testimonies to the redeeming work being carried on by these yeshivot are forthcoming not only from Israelis but from thousands of Americans and Canadians who have availed themselves of these yeshivot.

Massive relocations

Challenge of peace

The challenge of peace must be taken up by Diaspora Jewry if Israel is to be kept economically viable. And once again, as it has shown so often over the turbulent years, Israel Bonds will play a vital part in this endeavor. The signing of the peace treaty is not an end but rather a beginning and Israel will need greater amounts of aid than ever before.

Traditionally, the Bonds campaign starts immediately after Passover, and this year those who direct its activities are calling upon the Toronto Jewish community to rally as never before to the aid of the Jewish state. Bond dollars will help assure Israel that its economy grows to meet the demands of peace—demands that call for unprecedented giving. Israel needs new factories, roads, communications, housing, ir-

rigation, farms and research stations, in short the economic infrastructure of a modern, dynamic state.

The yielding of the Sinai to Egypt gives added significance to the Negev, Israel's southland. It is planned to move the inhabitants of the towns and villages of the Sinai to new settlements in the Negev, a gigantic task that calls for tremendous expenditures.

Recently, Israel's Knesset approved a new \$1 billion issue of Israel Bonds, the proceeds to be devoted to meeting this formidable challenge. We can play our part by continuing to provide Israel with Israel Bond investment dollars and in this way help her to win the peace, just as we have stood by the embattled state throughout its 30-year history.

What really happened

It has been five years since the Agranat Commission report burst on the Israeli scene. A post-mortem of Israel's mistakes during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the report exonerated the politicians who led the nation but implicated some of its military leaders for failing to anticipate the combined Arab onslaught and for negligence in blocking the almost successful Egyptian-Syrian offensive.

Though the report blemished the reputation of Moshe Dayan and precipitated the resignation of Golda Meir, the person who bore its worst brunt was David Elazar, the head of the armed forces. A much decorated officer, Elazar resigned in shame after the release of the report, and a dark cloud hung over his career until the day he died a few years later.

Some critics, angered over the way in which Elazar had been treated, charged that the report was a whitewash characterized by half-truths and omissions. The controversy over who was to blame for the conduct of the war never really died down, and recently, passions were stirred again by two developments.

First, the former director general of the Foreign Ministry, Shlomo Avineri, claimed that certain chapters of the Agranat report dealing with politicians were kept secret. He added that the commissioners—men of distinguished backgrounds—had blamed only the military for the errors committed at the beginning of the conflict.

Second, and most importantly, a new book on Elazar has just been published which grapples with the issues confronted by the Agranat Commission. It is called *Dado*—Elazar's nickname—and it was written in Hebrew by Hanoah Bartov, a noted Israeli novelist who undertook the task at the request of the general's widow.

As *The Jerusalem Post* points out, *Dado* is "unshamefully a work of devotion." By the same token, the two volumes comprising *Dado* are, in the words of one reviewer, "a major contribution to the history of modern Israel and will remain a standard source book for all students of the Yom Kippur War and of the Israel Defence Force in general."

Bartov writes that, if Elazar was guilty of serious errors, so were politicians such as Moshe Dayan and Golda Meir, who nurtured the dangerous myth of Israel's regional invincibility and of the Arabs' permanent inadequacies. The idea that the Arabs would never attack Israel because it was so strong was an unquestioned dogma in Israel's corridors of power. Elazar certainly believed this myth, but so did his colleagues, who prepared the country for a war along the lines of the past. They acknowledged that an exact replica of the Six Day War was impossible, but they thought they could fight a future war based on the 1969-70 War of Attrition.

For all its sophisticated doctrines and armories of first-class equipment, the armed forces turned a blind eye to reality, Bartov writes. Israel's artillery capacity was largely ignored. The War of Attrition had shown that jets could be an inexpensive and effective substitute for artillery. Thus, when the Egyptians stormed across the Bar-Lev Line, they encountered only two artillery batteries. Meanwhile, the Air Force fell victim to deadly accurate SAM missiles, nullifying the effectiveness of Phantoms and Skyhawks.

The army was aware of the existence of Saggar anti-tank missiles, but their massive deployment was not foreseen. Moreover, the infantry was neglected, then misused, during the war. Israel's generals, who had an inflated opinion of themselves, envisaged a crossing of the Suez Canal in any war with the Egyptians. Yet bridging equipment and the training of bridging engineers was so neglected, Bartov says, that the outcome in Sinai depended upon the safe arrival at the canal of two cumbersome bridges during the second week of the war.

The list goes on ad infinitum. It all adds weight to the theory that the Agranat Commission may not have done its work with the thoroughness or consciousness expected of it by the nation. *Dado*, a clearly revisionist work, will dredge up bitter memories, but the Israelis have no choice but to face them head on.

Expertise of Toronto chemist on ozone layer brings acclaim

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO—

Harold Schiff floats trial balloons three times as big as football fields, but he doesn't do it for the fun of it.

In the last seven years, he has launched some 30 helium-filled balloons in Canada, the United States and Australia, and each flight has cost the Canadian and American governments about \$10,000. That's a considerable sum of money, but in the estimation of scientists it is money well spent.

Schiff, an internationally renowned chemist who works out of York University, sends ungainly balloons into the atmosphere in order to find out more about the earth's ozone layer.

Consisting of a thin and scattered band of molecules, the ozone layer is essential to the existence of life on the earth's surface because it strongly absorbs ultra-violet light from the sun that is highly damaging to living organisms.

Man-made chemicals—fluorocarbons—used in refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment, in insulating foam and as propellants in aerosol spray cans, threaten the ozone layer, and thus man himself, says Schiff, whose advice on the subject is sought by governments throughout the world.

A pipe-smoking, 55-year-old native of Kitchener, Ontario, Schiff warns that if man continues to use fluorocarbons at the present rate for the next 100 years, the ozone layer will be decreased by some 15%, causing a 40% to 50% upsurge in the incidence of skin cancer. Translated into simple language, that means there would be 20,000 new cases of malignant skin cancer in the U.S. per year. But that is only part of the story, he explains.

A badly damaged ozone layer could cause cell mutations, affect growth and development and reduce the capacity for photosynthesis, a process whereby plants produce oxygen for the atmosphere and convert carbon dioxide into organic material—both essential for life.

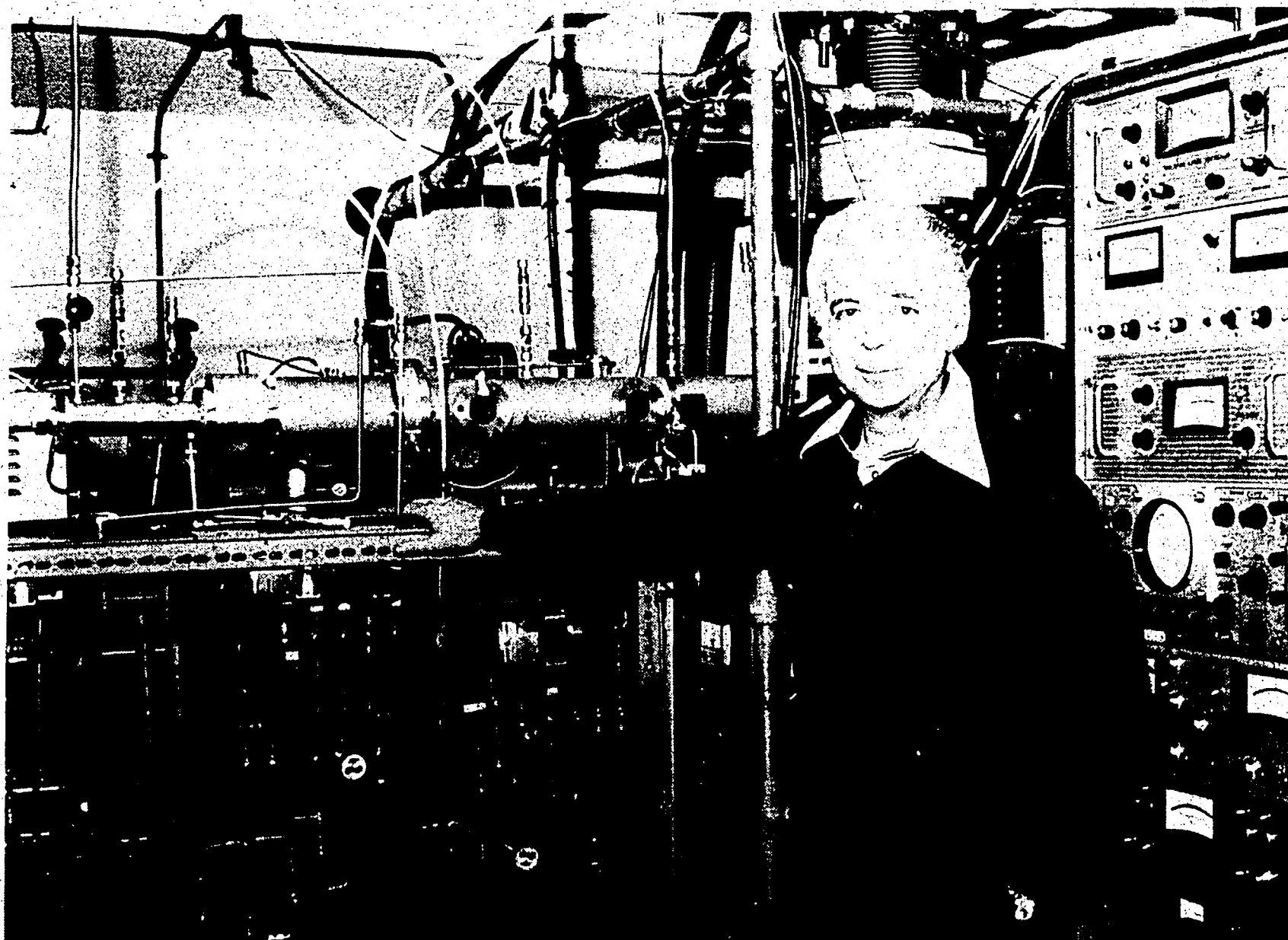
In the partial absence of the ozone layer, the sun's ultra-violet rays could break up molecules in living tissue, including DNA molecules, which pass on genetic information. Moreover, the climate could be affected, with all its disastrous consequences.

"Man may be capable of upsetting the ozone balance over decades or centuries, which is very sudden in evolutionary terms," explains Schiff, who has co-authored a book, *The Ozone War*, on the phenomenon.

"Most organisms can't adapt that quickly. Neither can man."

Schiff, a graduate of the University of Toronto, says that scientists know relatively little about the ozone layer, most of which is found in the stratosphere. "There's still a lot more we can learn."

The formation of ozone—composed of ultra-violet radiation and oxygen—was first explained in scientific terms by an Oxford researcher in 1930. Early in the history of the earth, there was not an ozone shield and the planet's surface was bathed in harsh ultra-violet light. These rays, however, triggered bio-chemical processes that led to life. Ozone was formed when these organisms began to produce oxygen for the earth's atmosphere.



(Ben Lechtman photo)

Harold Schiff, a York University chemist who has conducted extensive research into the earth's ozone layer, stands near the complex equipment which helps him to understand the phenomenon he studies so assiduously. He's a consultant to U.S. government.

mosphere.

Thus, an absence of ozone allowed life to begin and its presence allows it to continue.

Schiff, the son of a Russian-born laundry store owner, is able to make predictions about the viability of the ozone layer thanks to his balloons and the \$1 million worth of apparatus in his laboratories.

His computer simulations produce "models" that enable him and his colleagues and graduate students to measure the ozone layer.

He got into the field accidentally. "Very often we back into areas of research, and I would be willing to bet that this is the rule rather than the exception. Often, you don't foresee where your research is taking you."

Curiosity is the driving force, the mother of all inventions, he observes, amid his library of books, charts and colored photographs of the moon landing.

Curiosity, then, impelled Schiff into aeronomy, the study of the atmosphere. When the Russians launched Sputnik, thereby electrifying the American government, Schiff was already an expert in a field relatively few scientists in North America had studied.

To keep pace with the Russians, the Americans had to build a similar craft. But that couldn't be done until it was ascertained what sort of environment the fledgling space ship would be flying in.

At the time, Schiff was director of McGill University's Upper Atmosphere Chemistry Group, and there he had conducted lab experiments with energized oxygen. In other words, he had a fairly good idea of what those upper reaches of the sky were composed of.

"Practically no one else knew, and I found myself in centre stage, touted as a big expert."

The American air force pushed grants at him, and Schiff went to work. One could say that he was a founding father of the U.S. space program. In fact, to this day he holds a couple of important positions south of the border. He is a consultant to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and chairman of the U.S. Academy of Science Panel on Atmospheric Chemistry and Transport.

In Canada, he is a member of the Committee on Stratospheric Pollution, and has carried out research projects for the National Research Council of Canada.

Since his contacts are so far-ranging, Schiff, who resembles Ariel Sharon, is also a member of the scientific advisory council of Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science. He has, in addition, lectured at the Hebrew University and at universities on all continents except South America.

Thanks to his involvement in the U.S. space program, he turned his fulltime atten-

tion to studying the atmosphere. As luck would have it, his research on the ozone layer coincided with the controversies surrounding spray cans and super sonic transport planes—the so-called SSTs.

His work and that of others on the ozone layer has had widespread repercussions.

The Americans have banned the use of virtually all fluorocarbons in air can propellants and are now considering what action to take on its other uses. Canada has indicated that it will follow the example set by Washington. In Europe, Holland and Sweden have banned fluorocarbons in air can propellants.

Schiff, who flies for relaxation, devotes some of his time in the lab to the study of the formation of molecules in outer space. "At the moment, my research has no practical application," he says, leaving you with the impression that there's more to it than that.

As he puts it: "Even up there, the raw materials of life are floating around."

Asked if there might be another species of man way out there in the universe, Schiff replied: "With the fantastic number of stars in existence, it would be difficult to believe we're unique... man could be living elsewhere."

It's an astounding statement, but when Harold Schiff gives voice to it, it begins to sound plausible.

Montrealer is in the forefront of computer research at Haifa

HAIFA—

Developments in computer applications and technology are taking place at such a rapid pace that what is considered a breakthrough today may be obsolete tomorrow. University of Montreal professor Jan

Geeser, a computer architect, must seek in his work to stay a step ahead of these changes.

"Though people don't usually think of us as computers, the pocket calculators so common today can do the work of the

computers that were in use 20 years ago. The difference is that those computers filled rooms, while the calculators fit into a pocket," says Geeser.

These changes have been made possible through the field of micro-electronics,

which has produced reduced size, high density components in a tiny "chip," Geeser says. Because the department of electrical engineering of the Technion—Israel Institute of Technology is heavily involved in research in this field, Geeser has come to spend a term as a visiting professor here. He occupies the Harry D. Pierce Chair in Electrical Engineering.

"Computer architecture is concerned with the internal structure of the computers themselves," he explains, "with the job of building a computer using the available technology to meet the requirements of the users."

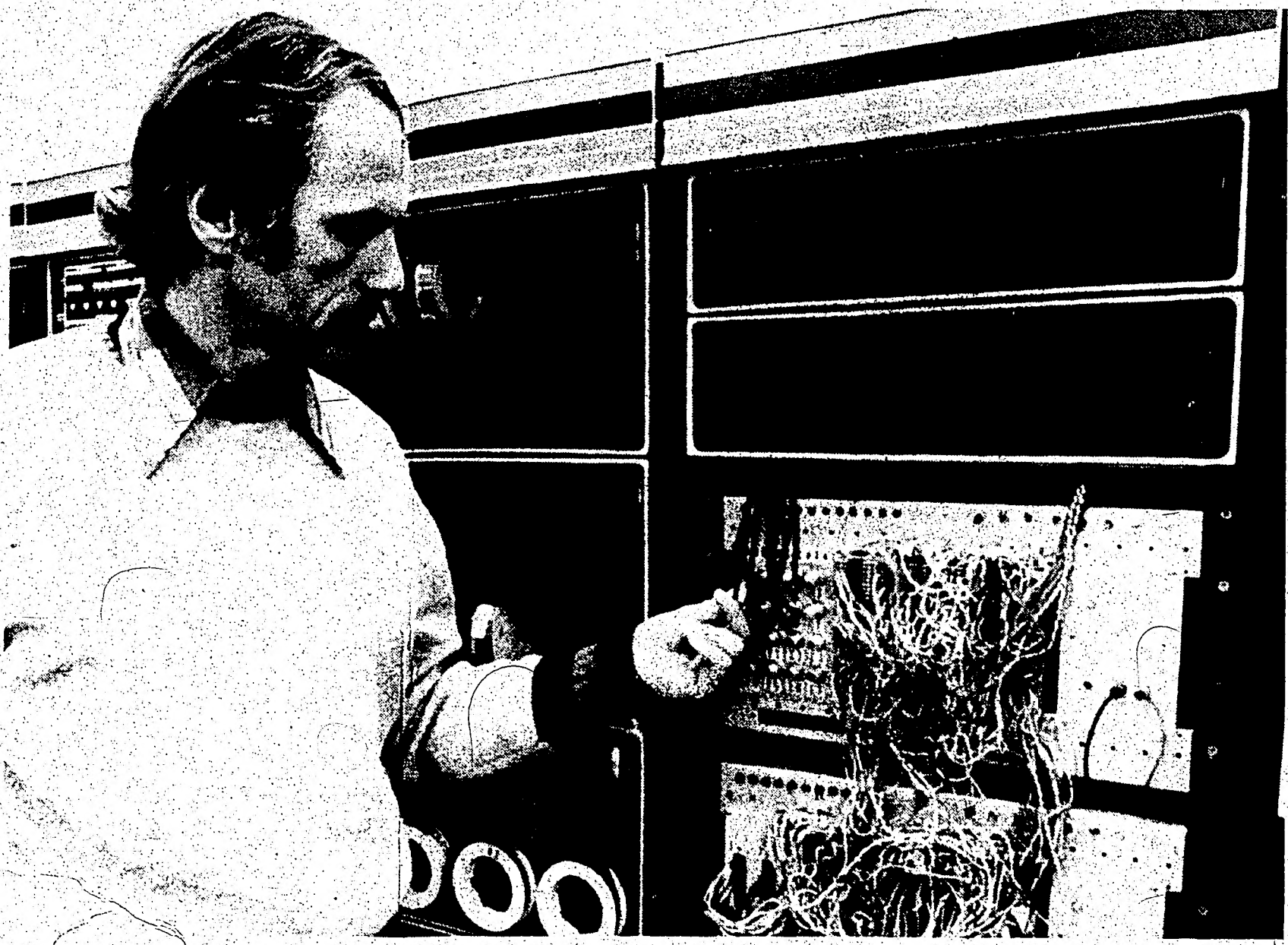
The revolution of the last few years continues, full speed ahead. "Because of the new components the time is close when you'll be able to put a computer anywhere you need it, like you can put in a light bulb. This increases possible applications."

Currently, he is teaching a course to Technion electrical engineering students. In this course he is trying to show the Israeli students how new architectures can be conceived using the new technology.

"We are able to count circuits in the thousands now, so this is no longer a major factor. A computer system must be easily usable and easy to fabricate, which today doesn't necessarily mean that you must make economies on the number of components."

Geeser has lived in Canada for four years. Born in Hungary he grew up in Czechoslovakia. Prior to coming to teach at the University of Montreal's department of informatics, he worked for the IBM corporation in San Jose, California.

He is in Israel with his wife, Alice—it is her first visit here; his second. Both are attending ulpan, trying to master Hebrew. It would be the seventh language for Geeser, who speaks English, French, Hungarian, Czech, Russian and Spanish. He has a special feeling for Israel: "I like the richness of human relations here," he says. "I have many relatives and friends here. One feels he is appreciated."



University of Montreal professor Jan Geeser, a computer expert, has been named to Technion's Pierce Chair in electrical engineering.

Israeli scientists are experts at making every single drop of water count to its fullest

By RUTH LAHAV

BEERSHEVA —

Oil or water. Which is more important? For Israelis it's a hard decision. And in this half desert country where 95% of all accessible water is used, scientists have become experts on making every drop count.

In the Negev desert, professors are re-discovering farming and water storage methods used more than 2,000 years ago by the ancient Nabateans and Israelites. Not far away, scientists are learning how cucumbers can thrive on centuries-old brackish water, which has been discovered in vast quantities in reservoirs under the parched desert.

Israeli housewives will soon be washing dishes with the aid of foot operated faucets and families will be conserving significant amounts of water by using the new

dual-flush toilet called "the Beersheva toilet," already coming off assembly lines here.

Clouds in Israeli skies are being forced to rain by new cloud seeding techniques which have shown that rainfall in certain areas can be increased up to 15%, and several hotels in Eilat, Israel's Red Sea port city, are using water in their air cooling system.

These are merely stop-gap measures to keep Israelis from going dry for the present. The grander schemes hinge on plans, now operational, to increase Israel's available water an impressive 50% by 1988. Can Israel do it? An emphatic "yes" is the answer from Israeli experts; there seems to be no choice. And here, in this compact little country where generals and scientists daily come up with the impossible, the answers are off the drawing boards and already into construction.

The era of desalination is now; desalination at reasonable prices is in the works.

Two flash-evaporation plants are already in operation, supplying desalinated water from the Red Sea to the people in the port town of Eilat.

This is only the beginning. Israel is in the midst of a 15-year program to develop three plants of unique design the capacities of, respectively, one, 10, and 100 million gallons per day (MGD). The one MGD plant is already in operation in Eilat. The 10 MGD factory is being built at Ashdod on the Mediterranean coast. But the real news is that the 100 MGD desalination facility will be built together with a nuclear power plant, the two processes complementing each other. This impressive plant of the future will produce about 120 million cubic meters of fresh water each year at between 20 to 30 U.S. cents per cubic meter — the cheapest cost yet anticipated anywhere in the world.

Desalinated water will only be a part of the additional 500 million cubic meters of water Israel hopes to produce by 1988. Much of it will be drawn from recycled sewage and industrial waste. Recycling of wastes, however, is a costly procedure. A professor at the Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology, has come up with a new process that promises to be far cheaper than procedures now being used.

Instead of starting with the conventional treatment of sewage, using primary and secondary biological processes, and then proceeding to advanced treatment if needed, the Technion system begins with a sophisticated chemical-physical stage, and works in reverse to popular systems, producing a cheaper and better quality recycled water.

Recycled water will not be used for drinking water in the near future, but it is available for unrestricted agricultural use in a country using 80% of its water supply for the fields. Agriculture is big business for Israel. Super-sized strawberries and high quality avocados can be found on European tables now thanks to the sophisticated farming techniques and national water planning in Israel.

The latest and perhaps the most dramatic news in irrigation is that seasonal field crops — basic commodities for food and clothing like sugar, cotton and potatoes — can be fed controlled amounts of water and soluble fertilizers through an improved drip irrigation, by which small quantities of water are applied at frequent intervals to the root zone of the plant. Originated by the Israelis 10 years ago, it brought dramatic savings in water (almost 40%) and increased yields to such high profit crops as tomatoes, grapes, strawberries and eggplants.

Now, however, with the use of disposable hoses, larger areas growing important field crops can benefit from the drip irrigation. This recent development in Israeli agriculture will have profound implications for world agriculture particularly in developing countries to which Israel is exporting her technical know how.

New irrigation equipment is continually being invented, including various levels of automation to keep a strict control on the tight water supply. Nowadays it is becoming more and more common to see a kibbutz with a special control room, equipped with remote sensing, control instruments and a computer. All of these devices are used to operate the irrigation system for several thousand acres producing a wide variety of crops. Experts have built mathematical models for scheduling, which allow the tailor-made irrigation schemes to push crop yields to their maximum.

Where does the water in Israel come from today? Not only from the Jordan River, as popularly believed. In fact, almost two-thirds of Israel's water comes from the ground. The main groundwater aquifers are used not only as a source for water, but as operational and seasonal reservoirs as well. Many are linked to the ingenious "national water carrier," a huge pipe of 108 inches which transports the bulk of Israel's water from the Sea of Galilee in the North to the arid South.

Geo-hydrologists from Ben-Gurion University, striving for efficient use of groundwater resources, have recently located huge reservoirs under the Negev and Sinai deserts. This newly discovered water is in actuality an accumulation of rain water which fell on the Judean Hills a few hundred miles to the north during the time of Jesus. Over the centuries, it has travelled south to where it now sits waiting to be tapped.

It is too salty to be used for drinking water, but professors at Ben-Gurion's Institute for Desert Research are now developing special strains of crops which can tolerate it and actually thrive on it.

Other desert areas in the world have similar underground reserves waiting to be tapped and Israeli research into ground water reserves will have important consequences for these areas.

Israel makes the most of her limited water supply and continually expands plans to increase it. During the past decade, more than 1,000 research activities involving various aspects of water were completed — at Technion, Ben-Gurion University, Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute and by individuals.

If there is water to drink tomorrow in this isolated, but energetic country, it is thanks to the high priority given to national water planning and the scientifically oriented nature of the entire national water program. The constant stream of innovations and methods continues to develop, relevant not only to Israel but to many other countries of the world as well.



Agriculture becomes a possibility when water pipes are laid through wastes of Negev.



Water found recently in an underground reservoir in the Negev serves Bedouins of the area.

Letters to the Editor

'The Jewish community takes care of its own?'

On Sunday, April 8 the Toronto Jewish Congress sponsored a consultation to explain to leaders of the Jewish community the problems of the disabled members of the community and their responsibilities to these people. Invitations were sent to the community leaders (synagogue presidents, club presidents, etc.). It was felt that these leaders could do much to improve the lot of the handicapped members of the community if they were only sensitive to the problems of the Jewish handicapped.

The consultation was well attended, but not by the people at whom it was primarily aimed! The majority of the attendees were parents of handicapped children or people who are already committed to helping the handicapped either through volunteer work or professionally. Where were all those community leaders?

These leaders were conspicuous by their absence. They are ignoring their responsibility to a significant segment of the Jewish community. What has happened to the principle that the Jewish community takes care of its own? How can we improve the lot of the physically handicapped, the mentally retarded, and the learning disabled when those people who are in a position to effect this improvement do not make the effort to learn what must be done?

I would like to ask those readers who received an invitation to this consultation and ignored it why they did so. You are shirking an important responsibility to the Jewish people. Raising money is not always enough.

Leonard Vanek, Toronto

Your editorial (March 29) "Where Credit is Due" could well have been written by Trudeau's speech writer. Even after 10 years in power, the Liberals failed to bring in a long promised anti-Arab boycott bill. Only after a P.C. Ontario government showed the way, and a stupid speech by a Liberal minister, Jack Horner, did this Trudeau government show any urgency to bring in this long awaited legislation. The result is still that other than Ontario, there is no anti-Arab boycott legislation.

Before readers of the Jewish News run out to vote for a Liberal candidate, they should consider the strong support for Israel and the Jewish community by John Diefenbaker, and a number of P.C. candidates. Liberal candidates should have to answer for their inept performance on Israeli or Canadian issues.

Henry Alken, Downsview, Ont.

I was angered and disappointed by the lack of any editorial comment by this newspaper re the Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant accident and/or its potentially perilous consequences.

As you are the newspaper representing the Jewish community, and its major source of information and news on Jewish matters, may I point out that this is very much "a Jewish matter." We Jews will not be immune to the dangers of radioactive fallout from such nuclear accidents!

May Karp, Toronto



(Religious News Service photo)

During his 28-hour official visit to Cairo, PM Menachem Begin and his daughter Assia (right) took time out to visit the sphinx as well as the pyramids. Despite the sizzling temperatures, he received a somewhat cool reception, in the view of observers.

5,000 Nazi soldiers killed in Warsaw ghetto uprising



By J.B. SALSBERG

This is written "erev Pesach" in order to be in your hands before the final portion (tzweite teg) of the week-long celebration of our exodus from Egypt. It is, therefore, not too late to focus our attention on the new dimension that Pesach has acquired 36 years ago.

It is the dimension of inconsolable national sorrow. It is the ever-abiding grief of the Holocaust. It is the stark reality of the indescribable suffering of our people that has, ironically, also become related to Pesach — the traditional holiday of joy.

For it was from the depth of their agony that our people — literally our nearest of kin — also created deeds of unmatched heroism; deeds that hallowed their memory with eternal glory. They left us, and mankind as a whole, the inspirational legacy of the heroic uprising of the Warsaw ghetto.

That epic battle of the starved civilians Jews in the wall-encircled ruins of the Warsaw ghetto, against the super-armed and undefeated Hitler wehrmacht, began on the seder night of Pesach in the year 1943.

Hitler's military stooges hoped to destroy the last remnant of significant Jewish existence in Poland on their master's birthday and present it as a gift to him. But the sons and daughters of the once great Polish Jewish community fought like lions and the struggle went on for 30 days. The enemy was forced to pay with the lives of 5,000 Nazi soldiers before the entire ghetto was reduced to a lifeless ruin.

The Warsaw ghetto uprising was, in my opinion, the quintessential expression of both the agony and the glory of our peoples experience in the inferno that is called the Holocaust.

The uprising of the few against the many, of the tortured against their torturers was also the re-affirmation of faith in humanity as it was a call to the oppressed peoples of Nazi-occupied Europe to rise against the common enemy.

In a few days Jews around the world will observe "Yom Hashoa" (Holocaust Remembrance Day) in memory of the

six million Jewish victims, a third of our total number, who perished in the Holocaust. In many places the official memorial assemblies will simply be called memorials for the heroes of the Warsaw ghetto. In either case the assemblies will commemorate the memories of the Jewish people who perished and the Holocaust and the epic struggle in the ghetto of Warsaw.

But if we are to live up to the dying call of the ghetto fighters, never to forget and never to forgive, then we must pass on that call to our young. It is they who should be brought to our community assemblies on Yom Hashoa by their parents and all the elders to whom the call was first addressed.

And speaking of Pesach remembrances we should perhaps recall other occasions when our forefathers who, in other times, also approached joyous Pesach with unconcealed fear. It was the deadly fear of the notorious "ritual murder" charges that religious or politically-inspired enemies fabricate against Jews.

Difficult as it may now be to believe that Jews could be charged with requiring Christian blood for ritual purposes on Pesach, the historic fact, however, is that precisely such inflammatory lies did result in bloody Pesach pogroms against Jews in many communities in Europe.

If you should think that such barbarism could only have taken place in the dark Middle Ages then I must disillusion you. It happened as late as 1946.

Yes, around Pesach of 1946, after the Hitler war.

It happened in Kielce, Poland, and is described in our annals of sufferings as the "Kielce pogrom" in which some 30 Jews, survivors of the Holocaust who had returned to their birthplace, were killed and scores of other Jews were seriously wounded by a blood-thirsty mob that surrounded the Jewish centre where all of the Kielce Jewish survivors sought safety and protection. The mob was whipped into a frenzy of hatred by whispered tales that the Kielce Jews had murdered a local non-Jewish child to get their ritual blood.

That it was later proven to have been a fiendishly planned provocation for the ulterior motives of special interests does not, of course, lighten the gravity of the crime committed by people in this day and age.

In 1947, I was in Poland and when in Kielce I was taken by the leaders of the tiny group of surviving Jews to the vandalized ancient Jewish cemetery where I stood in weeping sorrow before the mass grave of the innocent victims of the 1946 Kielce pogrom in "liberated" Poland.

These are but a few elements of that other dimension of Pesach to which I devote this column. It is the dimension of pain and tears. It is the dimension of the Holocaust that is so meaningfully epitomized by the glorious and sanctified resistance offered by the remnant of Polish Jewry in the Warsaw ghetto.

Let's not forget. We must remember and we must not let others forget either.



Polish workers erect the stone and brick walls of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Organizations and People



what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

PEACE TREATY CELEBRATION

The Israel Histadrut Campaign celebrates the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt at its annual function this Sunday, April 22, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Guest speaker will be Judge Philip Givens, Canadian Zionist Federation national president. Program also includes a musical presentation by singer Bat Sheva Paul and a special tribute to Dr. Sydney Wax, immediate past chairman of the organization. Chairman of the evening is Harry Simon.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER

This evening (the 19th) a memorial meeting marking the 36th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising takes place at 8 at the Workmen's Circle Centre, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Agenda features Louis Lenkinski of the Ontario Federal Labor Board, plus songs and recitations. It is sponsored by the Workmen's Circle, Jewish Labor Bund and the Jewish Labor Committee.

On Saturday, the 21st, Pride of Israel Temple has scheduled a special Sabbath morning service in commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day.

In memory of the murdered children of the Holocaust, North American Jewish Students Network has arranged a rally and march to the West German Consulate protesting the statute of limitations. It starts at 6:45 p.m. at Queen's Park. You are asked to bring flashlights and candles.

WITH THE ARTS

The Aviva Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO's 27th art show goes up for bids Saturday evening, the 21st, at the Arcadian Court Simpson's Downtown (entrance through Simpson's Tower, 401 Bay St.). Preview is at 6 with the auction at 8:15.

That same evening at 8, a ballet revue with top Canadian dancers Karen Kain, David Roxander, Frank Augustyn, Tomas Schramek, Anne Ditchburn and Cynthia Lucas, goes on stage at the Leah Posluns Theatre, with a second performance on Sunday, the 22nd, at the same time. Tickets through box office only. The number is 630-6752.

The Friends of Music recital series concludes this Sunday afternoon with 17-year-old violinist Todd Phillips. Concert is at 3 at the York University Faculty of Fine Arts Gallery, 596 Markham St.

SHOPPERS DELIGHT

You no doubt will be able to pick up some good bargains at the thrift and rummage sale run by Pride of Israel Sisterhood this Monday, the 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the temple.

And if you happen to be an antique buff and are out of Peterborough-way this Tuesday and Wednesday, the 24th and 25th, drop in at the antique show and sale staged by the Peterborough Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO at the Holiday Inn, 150 St. George St., from 1-10 p.m. each day.

The Workmen's Circle Social Club celebrates peace in Israel with a special lunch on Tuesday, the 24th, featuring entertainment by musicians George and Sharon Frank and humorist Philip Cohen. The time is 12:30 p.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. For information, call Shirley Grotell at 222-7727.

That same evening a Holocaust Memorial takes place at 7:30 at the Wagman

Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Program presents cantor Sam Skurka, speaker Zvi Ferens, singer Jenny Eisenstein, pianist Igor Kuchinsky and recitations by Ruth Borshiver.

DISCO DANCE

Saturday, the 21st, is the date of the Jewish Student Federation disco, The Last Dance (of the year), beginning at 9 p.m. at Vanier Dining Hall, York University. ID is required.

SINGLE PARENTS

The North-East Jewish Community Services Single Parents group has two events coming up this week — a disco dance from 6-midnight on Sunday, the 22nd, at Coleman's Restaurant and Tavern in Markham Place Mall, Don Mills and Steeles — and a general meeting on Thursday, the 26th, at 8:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St., with a talk on *Breaking Old Patterns and Finding New Ones* by Warren Robinson. For information on both events, call 493-8866.

BOND MISSION TO ISRAEL

The largest delegation to date from the New Leadership Division of Israel Bonds is off to Israel on May 8 for a 12-day mission to meet with top political leaders and tour the country. There's still room available for anyone interested in joining the group. For information, call David Fairbloom at 789-3351.

SERIOUS THOUGHTS

The Meyer W. Gasner Memorial Lecture, taking place this Sunday, the 22nd, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, features Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University. His topic — *Can the Jewish Community Survive the 20th Century?* This annual lecture is co-sponsored by the synagogue, Canadian Jewish Congress and Mizrahi Hapoel Hamizrachi.

Also on Sunday at 8, Friends of Pioneering Israel is holding a round table discussion on the subject *Kibbutz, an Experiment That Failed?* Panelists will be from three kibbutzim — Amir Peleg, shaliach to Young Judea; Yossi Strauch, shaliach to Hashomer Hatzair, and Ori Zisling, shaliach to Dror. It takes place at Borochof Centre.

Women and Money, a three-part course offered by the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, will run on consecutive Monday evenings beginning on April 23 with *Mortgages and Investments* and continuing on April 30 with *Wills and Estates* and on May 7 with *New Family and Property Law*. All sessions are at the Council House at 8:15 p.m.

On Tuesday, the 24th, leading U.S. fitness expert Dr. George Sheehan will be at the Leah Posluns Theatre to deliver a public address on the art of jogging. Lecture concludes the Jewish Community Centre-Health Club's Celebration for Life winter-spring series.

The following evening, Wednesday, the 25th, Rabbi Earl Grollman of Belmont, Mass., will be guest speaker at an event sponsored by Adath Israel Congregation and the Parents Association of Associated Hebrew Schools through funding by Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel. He will be discussing *Explaining Death to Our Children and Ourselves*. The time is 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue.

Feminist Abzug fights for justice

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

When celebrated American feminist and lawyer, Bella Abzug, started the American electorate with her stunning victory to the House of Representatives in 1970, her daughter joked: "Thank God, she's out of our house, and into your House."

Abzug remained in Congress for six years fighting major battles in social legislation and urban planning. Appearing in Toronto for a women's forum along with Betty Friedan, Laura Sabia and

other grande dames of the feminist movement, Abzug delivered a public lecture at York University, sponsored by York's Jewish Student Federation.

Talking in an animated, free-wheeling fashion, the 59-year-old Abzug, looking much younger, ranged from personal anecdotes to comments on the Middle East peace treaty and above all, the fight for women's rights that transcended, she said, all lines of income, class, race, religion and nationality.

Just recently fired by Jimmy Carter from her

non-paying job as co-chairperson of the National Advisory Committee for Women, Abzug revealed the president accepted the Committee's activities on behalf of women's issues such as equal pay and abortion, but balked when the committee criticized his anti-inflation program.

Abzug protested Carter's military priorities and aroused the president's anger when she publicly challenged his drastic cuts in social programs.

Following her dismissal, 26 of the 40-person committee resigned in

protest and urged support for Abzug. Suffering from a hangover from the ladies' auxiliary syndrome, Carter appeared to believe women should stay away from the big men's world of economics and foreign policy.

She acknowledged a grassroots change in the way women generally felt and thought about themselves, and even that men's perceptions had changed, but she stressed that women still had no access to power.

Institutionally, we still live in a male-ordered world, she emphasized. All the power and decision-making still rests with only one-half the world represented and the other half ignored. The whole world has suffered from this unwholesome state of affairs, said Abzug, who has been happily married for over 30 years and raised two daughters, one a sculptor, the other a lawyer.

Abzug's later venture, called Women USA, is a national organization of working women and students aimed at getting American women involved in economics — the budget, taxes, equal wages and anti-inflation policies — the nitty-gritty of daily realities.

Only through their collective efforts could women start to gain access to power, she stressed. Individually, it was too difficult. She described her own life as being atypical for women of her generation.

Chosen by her congressional peers in 1976 as the "third most influential member" of the House of Representatives, Abzug authored major legislation bringing more than \$6 billion to New York in the form of mass transit, economic development and public works.

Abzug also conducted important inquiries into the covert and illegal activities of the CIA, FBI and the Internal Revenue Service and other government agencies.

She described her feminism as starting early in life. Brought up as an Orthodox Jew who spent countless hours in the synagogue with her "zadie," she said it was the separation of the women from the men, her balcony life in the shul, that awakened her curiosity about male-female dichotomies. She applauded the changes made in Conservative and Reform Judaism, and commented that the expressions for more rights by Orthodox Jewish women would sooner or later find institutional expression.

She recalled her outrage when the Harvard Law School refused her admission because she was a woman. Humorously, she told of her mother's response: "Forget it, Bella, you don't have the car fare to go to Harvard anyway. Go to Columbia. It only costs a nickel on the subway, and you will probably win scholarships."

And that is why I became a fervent supporter of mass transit and later, a tuition-free City university system," Abzug summed up. "My sense of social justice comes directly out of my personal experiences," she said.

An early activist for Zionist causes, at the age of 11, she used to fast-talk and fund-raise between subway stops. Tutored

with a strong Jewish background, she attended Hebrew high school and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

After graduating from Columbia University Law school, where she was editor of the Law Review, Abzug practised law for 25 years, specializing in labor and small business law, housing—and tenants' rights and civil liberties.



Bella Abzug, a winner and a loser in politics, speaks to students at York University.

Middle East minorities fight a losing battle to maintain identity

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

Minorities in the Middle East—whether Jews, Christians or Moslems—must fight to maintain their identities, and it is a struggle they are losing, according to a Hebrew University expert on the subject.

Moshe Maoz, in a York University address, said a Middle Easterner belongs to a minority group if he is a non-Sunni Moslem. Sunni Moslems comprise 75 per cent of the Middle East's population. Anyone else, even Sunnis like Kurds and Turkomans who are not Arab in cultural terms, is thought to be a member of a minority. They must struggle to protect their rights.

Jews and Christians have lived under Islamic rule for centuries, but they were tolerated by the Sunnis only if they accepted their second and third-class citizenship, he said at the forum sponsored by the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East and York's Conference on Jewish Life and Education.

"They paid special taxes. They couldn't carry arms and they wore specially colored clothing," he said in reference to minorities. Maoz said Islamic rulers were the first in history to force Jews—as well as Christians—to wear yellow badges designating their religion.

"If Jews or Christians wanted equality, they were persecuted."

Turning to modern times, Maoz said the Jews are practically the only people in the Middle East who kept their identity intact by using military force. The others, perhaps with the possible exception of the Lebanese Christians, have not taken up arms to defend their religion or culture.

Maoz, who also serves as an advisor to the Israeli government on Arab affairs, spoke at length about the most prominent Lebanese minority—the Maronites.

Their pro-Western nationalism, he explained,

clashed with that of the Moslems. They cherished Lebanon, but their Moslem neighbors viewed them with suspicion.

The Maronites emerged as a nation because they were highly educated and resourceful as businessmen and traders. But by the mid-1940s, they lost their status as a majority

group in Lebanon because of their low birth rate.

That, combined with the continual emigration of Maronites from Lebanon, turned the Christians into a minority. The power of the Moslems grew in the meantime. "They knew they'd become the majority in the country. They thought they were entitled to rule Lebanon."

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Joseph Kerzner, chairman of the Ontario Region of Canadian Shaare Zedek Foundation, has announced that **William Winston** has accepted the position of chairman of the Patron's Committee for the Shaare Zedek Hospital benefit concert to be held at O'Keefe Centre June 6. And incidentally, you will be able to see excerpts from this musical event this Sunday, the 22nd, at 9:30 a.m., when Channel 79's Chai show presents a program about the forthcoming concert.

This evening, Baycrest Centre Men's Service Group presents its Man of the Year award to **Harvey Adelman**. A charter member of the organization, he served as MSG president from 1968-70.

Israel-born pianist **Galia Shaked** is giving a recital this Tuesday, the 24th, at 8:15 p.m. in the Walter Hall of the Edward Johnson Building (behind the planetarium) in the University of Toronto. Ms. Shaked, who hails from Haifa, has been in Toronto for the past five years, receiving her bachelor of music in performance degree in 1977. She is com-

pleting her masters degree at the U of T this year.

Toronto radiologist Dr. A.A. (Bucky) Epstein has been appointed vice-president of the Canadian Friends of Haifa University.

The use of a completely new instrument for examining the eye has been introduced to Israel by Canadian-born Professor **Jacob Gershon Sivak** of the University of Waterloo. He is a Lady Davis visiting professor at Technion's Institute of Bio-Medical Engineering this year. The chromo-retinoscope, as the instrument is called, uses colored light which allows for a more accurate examination of the eye.

The newly-elected president of B'nai B'rith Women is **Evelyn Wasserstrom** of Kansas City, Mo. A prominent local and national leader, she is a charter member of Saadia Chapter B'nai B'rith Girls and is the first BBG alumni to become president of the 150,000-member international Jewish women's service organization.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Optometrists held in Toronto recently, doctors **Marvin Nash** of Toronto and **Alex Devon** of Thunder Bay were elected to the board of directors. Active in their professional organizations, both are also involved in their local Jewish communities. Dr. Nash is presently vice-president of the Jewish Camp Council. Dr. Devon is a past president of the Thunder Bay B'nai B'rith.

Another book about famed physicist **Albert Einstein** is due to be published this fall. It is *The Illustrated Life of Albert Einstein*, authored by **Albert Shea** of Ottawa.

The Maccabiah Games' wheels are turning two years in advance

TORONTO — The next Maccabiah Games are more than two years away, but already the publicity mill is starting to churn.

Sidney Greenberg, of Toronto, is the international chairman of public

licity and public relations for the games, and he's doing "everything in his power to get more Jewish Canadian youth interested in Israel and sports."

Following the last games in 1977, Greenberg started to distribute a film

that he made especially for the games. The film, *Tenth Games*, profiled the Canadian athletes. "I present the film to the Maccabiah committee and they were thrilled with it."

"The next thing I know, I started receiving letters from the Israelis: 'Please note you are a member of the committee to select the 11th Maccabiah emblem. As you will remember you have been appointed chairman of the IMGC publicity and PR committee.'"

He's made another film featuring the world champion Washington Bullets, of the National Basketball Association, playing a game against the Israeli national team.

Both of his films are available free of charge to any organization in Canada interested in Israel and the Maccabiah. For more information about getting the films, contact Greenberg at Astral Films in Toronto.

Black event attributed to crusaders

By MYRON ELIAS

LONDON, England —

Shabbat Hagadol marks the date of the mass suicide and massacre of the medieval Jewish community of the town of York, England, a town about 180 miles north of London.

Historically, the Shabbat Hagadol massacre is but one black event attributed to the crusaders, the Christian movement instigated by the church for alleged religious ends. The purpose behind the crusades was to liberate the Holy Land from the Moslems. However, as the Crusaders made their way across Europe to the Holy Land, often as much effort was lent to proselytizing, by the sword, the non-Christians who lay in their path, as was lent to their ultimate goal.

In a crusader-incited riot in York on March 16, 1190, a total of 150 Jews, men, women and children died resisting conversion to Christianity. The majority of those who perished committed suicide in Clifford's Tower, York Castle, rather than fall into the hands of the mob. The few Jews surviving the initial riot and even the Jews who agreed to convert to Christianity were ultimately slaughtered by the mob.

For the past 800 years, York has had the dubious distinction of being a town all but completely shunned by Jewish residents, but last year, in York, a plaque was unveiled at Clifford's Tower to the massacred medieval Jewish community.

At the ceremony, the Archbishop of York, Dr. Stuart Blanch, described the massacre as a blot on the city and also as an event in Jewish-Christian relation "which has happened time and time again. We look back to this with shame but with a determination that this should not happen again. At the same time we look forward to the future, with great hope."

Chief Rabbi of England, Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, added: "I see the meaning of this ceremony not as a payment of an 800-year old debt, nor as an act of atonement or, indeed, forgiveness. We take this as an affirmation that never again will such a thing be allowed to happen."

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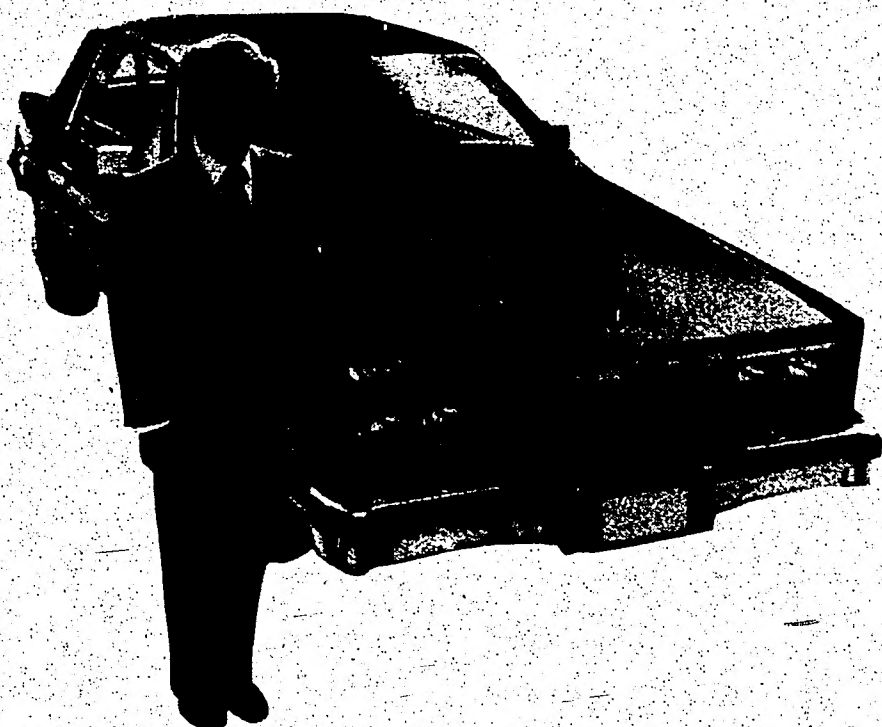
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Rabbi Daniel Lewin sifts through his ephemera. (J. Arnold photo)

Capturing picture of history

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The dictionary defines "ephemeral" as "lasting only a brief time" or "transitory."

Ephemera, has come to mean just about anything that most people would quickly dispose of—bus tickets, hand bills, food wrappers, and so on. — Collectors of ephemera believe that far from being the hoarders of what others might refer to as junk, they are capturing a picture of the social history of a period more accurately than fine arts or scholarly research can ever.

One such local collector is Rabbi Daniel Lewin, who has a collection of central and eastern European Jewish ephemera dating back as far as the advent of printing in the mid-1550s. He believes his collection is the only one of its kind in existence today. "Who else would keep things like this?"

Most of the items in his collection come from the

eastern parts of Germany and western Poland, many bearing the names of shtetls that were wiped off the map during the war. Lewin also has a number of documents from the Jewish community of Ancona, Italy.

The collection is of inestimable value today because it tells the story of the day-to-day life of a world that was destroyed during the Holocaust, said Lewin.

Indeed, both the National Library of Canada and the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York, whose ephemera collection was destroyed in a deliberately set fire several years ago, have shown an interest in acquiring Lewin's collection.

Even the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City believed the collection would be a suitable contribution to its records of the history of the Western world.

Lewin actually inherited the collection from his father Louis Lewin, also a

rabbi and one of the most prolific Jewish bibliographers and historical researchers in Europe, who died in 1941.

In his lifetime the elder Lewin wrote more than 300 books on the Jewish communities of Europe, many of which were destroyed in the Holocaust. His 443-piece manuscript collection is now housed in the library of Yeshiva University.

Now retired after having served as rabbi for the congregations in Cornwall and Ste. Agathe, the younger Lewin is best known as the Jewish prison chaplain in the federal and provincial penal institutions around Montreal.

From his father's death to this day, he continues to add notices of lectures, plays, exhibitions to the collection, virtually anything that may give researchers centuries hence a little better knowledge of Jewish life in Montreal.

Lewin keeps the ephemera in about 100 envelopes, roughly classified in

chronological order and bound together in bunches tied up with elastic bands. At first glance one is not impressed.

However, as Lewin combs through the nearly 2,000 pieces pulling from here and there such gems

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Elisha Linder, head of Haifa University's Centre for Maritime Studies (left), chats with Robert Marx, an American marine archeologist and underwater explorer. Both are searching for archeological treasures.

Did Columbus discover America?

HAIFA— "When I went to school," says Robert Marx, an American marine archeologist and underwater explorer, "they told me Columbus discovered America and I didn't

believe them. There were great cultures in South and Central America before the Europeans and before the Vikings. I believe these cultures learned from the Phoenicians."

And so, Marx is planning to prove that the Phoenicians, a Semitic people who inhabited the ancient country of Phoenicia at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea, in what is now Syria and Lebanon, were really the first to discover America.

They had been used only to get in and out of ports. Many were built from cedar of Lebanon but other materials were also used.

And so, this coming summer, Marx will join an expedition sponsored by the Centre for Maritime Studies and led by Elisha Linder, head of the Centre, in searching for wrecks off the coast of Northern Israel. Using a new scientific method—underwater archeology—side scan sonar—which enables researchers to distinguish between artificial and natural formations on the ocean's bottom, the expedition will try to find a well-preserved Phoenician wreck.

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Micki Moore to give address at Primrose Club

TORONTO— "Women supporting women" will be the theme of an address to be given by Micki Moore at the annual meeting of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations on Tuesday, May 1 at the Primrose Club.

Ms. Moore, who hosts "You're Beautiful on CITY-TV," is a seasoned television writer and performer whose regular Toronto appearances on stage, comedy revues and TV commercials, began in the early '60s when she first arrived in this city. She originally hails from Shreveport, Louisiana.

On her daily show, Ms. Moore interviews authors, personalities and experts in the field of human relations, covering wide-ranging topics from teenage suicide and human sexuality, to battling skin problems.

The all-morning meeting which begins at 9:30 a.m., will also feature the president's report and the introduction of the incoming slate of officers. The Federation is an affiliate organization of Toronto Jewish Congress.

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"The problem is," says Marx, "that as things stand now, we know little about how Phoenician ships were built. We know they were basically sail boats and that the oars



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TORONTO —

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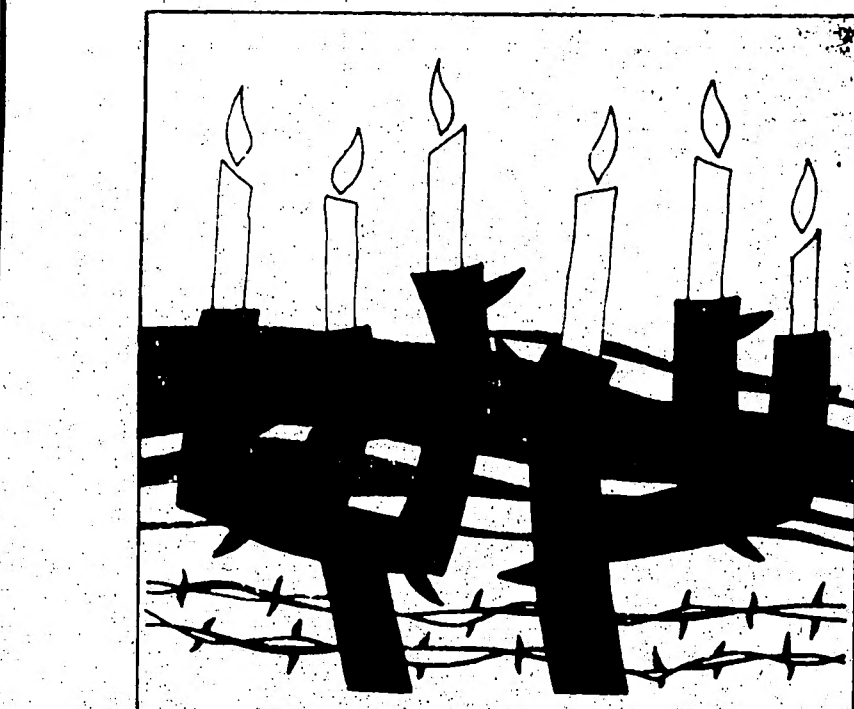
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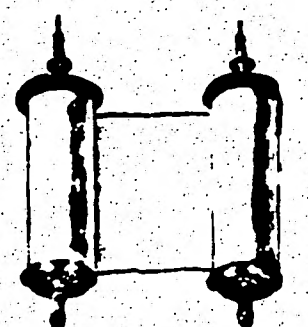
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By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parashat Shemini/Sefirat Ha'omer/Pirkai Avot
V'h'yitem kedoshim... And you shall be holy, for I am holy...

It's good to be religious — but it doesn't mean you should go around looking down your nose at someone else.

A group of Gerer Hassidim once approached Reb Yehoshua 'le of Kutner with a complaint about the local shochet. They claimed he wasn't careful enough, and wanted the rabbi to ban his shechita. Reb Yehoshua 'le investigated the matter, found that the shochet was totally reliable, and the whole complaint stemmed from the fact that he didn't follow the same hassidic rebbe that they did.

He told them: "Now I understand why when the Messiah comes, the Almighty has prepared the Shor Habor — the Great Ox — and the Leviathan fish to feed the righteous in the world to come. G-d was afraid that maybe the Gerer hassidim wouldn't eat from His shechita, so he prepared at least a piece of fish that they can have..."

Without Torah a Jew is lost. But it has to be a Torah not just of externals. A Jew has to absorb Torah into his very being, so that it makes him a fine person.

Consider...the law was that if a person had a simple earthen vessel, and an unclean thing fell inside of it — *tocho* — it became impure. If it just touched the outside of the vessel it still remained pure.

But between you and me — what's the difference whether it touched inside or out?

But it shows — the earthen vessel represents a human being. We are also made of a little earth and water. If a Jew is surrounded by impurity on the outside, it's not that bad. But when it becomes absorbed into his inside — he doesn't think like a Jew, he believes that this is the whole world and there's no *olam haboh*, when he loses faith in G-d, when he thinks he doesn't have to keep the Torah anymore — then he's in real danger of losing that *pinetle Yid*.

A Jew has to check his soul to see that there is no *traifus*, no impurity, there.

That's why this week's parsha repeats over and over again — watch what you eat! Don't eat forbidden animals, or "kosher style" foods and meat that transgress every rule of the Shulchan Aruch. When a Jew eats non-kosher food, he poisons the very root of his neshama. He coats every harp-string of his soul with *treifa* grease.

It's not enough to have a kosher kitchen, and then eat out wherever you please. Our bodies are the temples of our eternal soul, and we dare not soil them.

The best way to stay pure is not to make a business out of religion. You have to do what's right, however hard it may be.

Reb Aizel Charif, Reb Isaac Elchanan, and the Koblerner Rav were sitting together in judgement at a *din Torah*. They had to decide a legal dispute involving thousands of dollars. It was an extremely hot day, and it was simply a torture to sit in the room.

Reb Aizel noticed his fellow judges' discomfort and remarked: "You know, it is understandable why it's so hot here. Our rabbis teach that when a dayan (religious judge) sits in judgement, he should feel as though the gates of hell are opened up below him in case he makes a mistake."

"You can imagine, here we three are sitting in judgement, so there are three doors from gehinnom opened just below us. Is it any surprise it's so hot?" (Fun Unzer Alten Oitser)

This world is an open door. If a person wants to sanctify himself, G-d showers even greater holiness on him; if he wants to stay impure, G-d lets him go that way also.

It's up to us — in these days of Sefirat Haomer, may we rise step by step in Kedusha. Shabbat Shalom.

The future of Jews in Iran is bleak under revolutionary government

By VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO—The future for Jews in Iran is bleak and uncertain under the revolutionary government of the Ayatollah, says Chahine Levine, a native-born Iranian and a past president of ORT, Toronto region, who was addressing a group of women at the Leah Posluns Theatre recently.

Equating the situation with the Jews of Germany, Mrs. Levine, who was the first panelist speaking on the subject of Jews in other lands at the Jewish Community Centre's Celebration for Women series, said: "Iranian Jews are shuddering; they are playing a waiting game. They hope to have the same protection under the Ayatollah Khomeini as they once had under the Shah."

She indicated that many Iranians feel the present chaos in their country is due to President Jimmy Carter's improper handling of the situation. "Iranians blame Carter for pressuring the Shah into liberalizing the country, freeing political prisoners and instituting freedom of the press," she said.

Even though she heard of no overt attack against Jews per se, Chahine Levine claimed that, according to various sources, about 400 prominent Jews have been arrested. Also, the ORT school in Iran, which provided vocational training for thousands of Jewish children, has been taken over by the revolutionary government.

Yet the current state of anarchy is not just a problem for Jews, Mrs. Levine continued, the founder of the Tehran chapter of ORT in Toronto, but for anybody with money.

Elaborating on the volatile situation in the new Islamic regime, she said: "People who had homes on the Caspian Sea found them confiscated or looted — only because the land originally belonged to the sister of the Shah."

During the early stages of the revolution, she added, businessmen were warned not to open their businesses or else their stores would be burned. Chahine Levine recounted this incident: "I heard of a Persian rug merchant who dared to open his shop, hoping to retrieve some valuable rugs. As a result,

they took him to the square, chopped off his head and hanged it on his door."

Reflecting on the status of Jews under the reign of the Shah and his father, she said Iranian Jews had a very peaceful and comfortable life. They felt very safe under his rule, travelled and made money. Women were given the right to vote and divorce. "We never felt as though we lived under a dictatorship," noted Mrs. Levine, who has lived in Toronto for 20 years, but visited Iran frequently until the takeover.

The second panelist, Ruth Rozenberg, who was born in Argentina, confessed that her family didn't realize they were really Jews until they settled in Toronto over one year ago.

"The roots of anti-Semitism go deep into Argentine society," said Mrs. Rozenberg, a sociologist, who is completing her masters degree in ethnicity and race relations at the University of Toronto. "Clergymen, landowners, and the military never looked kindly toward Jewish society," she said, "but, mind you, we have

never been molested."

Anti-Semitism dates back to the first wave of Jewish immigration in the late 19th century, when East European Jews in Argentina were referred to as "rusos" (Russians), thus synonymous with communists. Anti-Jewish fervor peaked, in particular, during the Russian revolution; the advent of Nazism, the ascension to power of Juan Peron (1946-58), and the capture and execution of Albert Eichmann in 1960 and 1962 respectively, she said.

Ruth Rozenberg painted this rather bleak picture of the status of Jews in her native country.

"Argentine Jews, 85% of whom reside in Buenos Aires, do not hold any decision-making positions, nor formulate government

policy. Jewish cultural and religious life is vanishing. Inter-marriage and assimilation is rampant and rising as Jewish youth and intellectuals are becoming increasingly alienated from Jewish affairs."

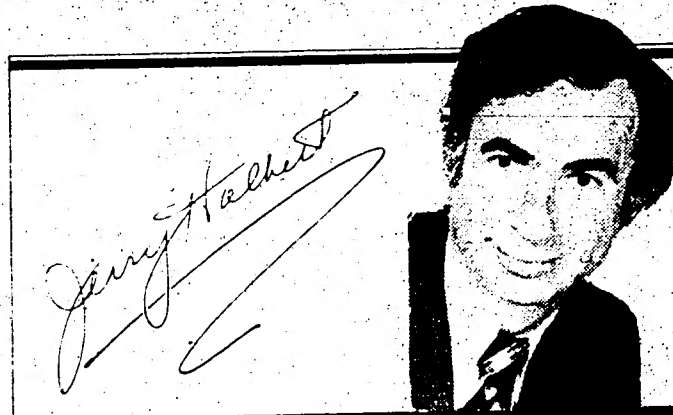
The last speaker, Rifka Teich, spoke of her recent travels through India and South East Asia.

"India is one of the very few countries in the entire world where anti-Semitism, in any way, shape, or form, has been unknown," said Mrs. Teich, who is studying business administration at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

Jews of India, who are concentrated in the commercial centres of Bombay and Calcutta, live happily and securely, with total religious freedom, she remarked.



G.R. Bob Oswald (centre) presents \$3,000 cheque for UJA to Sid Sugar (left) and Dave Greenberg (right). Oswald, who operates a fur farm, made the gift in appreciation of the support he receives from the local fur industry.



"The most dedicated group of people I've ever worked with," was the way in which David Bloom described the 1979 Walkathon committee.

That remark was not just idle conversation on his part. He was referring to the fact that only 19 people came out for an evening meeting in the foulest of weather conditions and worked for three solid hours co-ordinating the many details that go into the planning of the day's event.

David, along with co-chairman Gord Stromberg, met with the committee at Astral Bellevue Pathe, so that they could screen the film that was made during last year's walkathon, and donated, courtesy of Sid Greenberg, producer, for promotional use in Jewish schools. It has been cut down to seven minutes and a sound track with music and narration by Al Waxman, will be completed by next week.

When Bloom and Stromberg take on a commitment, they don't fool. I'm told the meeting was conducted like a military strategy conference, where each high-ranking officer knows where and how to deploy his troops. Each committee member gave a detailed report on the progress of their group assignments.

There have been a number of changes in the route and the location of checkpoints, which will be detailed in a later edition. What I can report on now are some of the highlights that have been confirmed: the Blue Jays team will be out in full force at one checkpoint and will pose for free photos with the kids; the Toronto Maple Leafs will be on hand at another checkpoint, as will members of the Maccabiah and Argo teams.

By the way, the theme for this year's walkathon, which takes place Sunday, May 27, is **United We Walk**, and to tie in with the Year of the Child, the sub-head on all posters and print material will be **Walk for an Israeli Child**.

As plans progress and are finalized, you'll be informed, through this column as well as the news pages.

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The weatherman was kind to us last Sunday. He waited until afternoon before he let loose with that blizzard, in time to allow all of the dedicated telethoners to arrive home unscathed.

We raised \$150,000 before we left our posts and I would like to thank each of the canvassers who gave up a Sunday morning to join us: Ron Appleby, Al Badner, John Berger, Stephen Berger, Harry Binder, Jimmy Bohm, Jack Chisvin, Bruce Cole, Charlie Diamond, Phil Elias, Mike Florence, Mark Friedman, Chuck Gold, David Goldstein, Harry Gorman, David Green, Mike Harris, David Kagan, Max Kerzner, Mike Koskie, Jack Livingston, Lew Moses, Allan Offman, Penny Offman, David Robbins, Jack Rose, Kurt Rothschild, Hy Shore, Jack Spears, Ron Steinberg.

I'm happy to have had the opportunity to meet with S.J. Kreutner, director-general of Keren Hayesod, during his brief visit to Toronto.

We had lunch together after he spoke to the staff at 150 Beverley. Mr. Kreutner is most articulate and brought a whole new dimension to the ramifications involved as a result of the signing of the peace treaty. What he told the staff, made a lot of sense to us as fund-raisers.

In essence what he said was that after more than 30 years of continual hostility and bitterness between Egypt and the State of Israel, it will take a whole rethink process to adjust to the reality of peace — "we had convinced ourselves that peace would not come in our lifetime."

To him and other Israelis, the most dramatic and moving moment of the one-and-a-half years of protracted negotiations came, not with the signing of the treaty in Washington, but with Prime Minister Begin's visit to Cairo and the playing of Hatikvah in the Egyptian capital.

"More than anything, that told us: You belong here by right not by suffrance."

He conceded that the price of peace was tremendous. "We Jews are never handed anything on a silver platter. But the cost is well worth it. Now we can begin to develop our spiritual resources and develop our country in the way we have all dreamt of."

He wondered aloud if world Jewry would understand and respond to the needs of a peaceful Israel, as it has been moved by war.

"This is no time to be timid. The needs of a new era should imbue us with a fighting spirit." Amen to that, Mr. Kreutner!

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Ontario Liberal leader Dr. Stuart Smith [right] chats with Madeleine Epstein, Irving Feldman and Carl Keyfetz. Smith was a keynote speaker at social planning committee meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Ottawa professor warns fellow Jews

By JEFF BIEN

OTTAWA — Seymour Mayne is what Jews traditionally referred to as a "richtige Yid" — a real Jew. His mannerisms exemplify it, his office paraphernalia endorse it and, most importantly, his professional activities and personal convictions verify that his heart is encircled with Yiddishkeit.

An associate professor in English at University of Ottawa, Mayne hails from Montreal and is one of the youngest of the city's school of poetry comprising such notables as F.R. Scott and Irving Layton.

He has published 10 books in the past 15 years, much of which has been composed as a result of a number of sojourns in Israel. *Diasporas*, as the title suggests, unashamedly celebrates the Holy Land and informs the readers as to the author's sense of Jewishness.

Diaspora
upon diaspora —
We dispersed
and came together

"*Diasporas* is a way for me to connect the different sections of my own Diaspora," confesses the poet. "I moved from Canada to Europe and Europe to Israel; the latter of which constitutes the magnet that draws me."

Mayne employs Jewish history and experience as a metaphor for Jewish spirit. Zion and poetry are two sides of the same coin for him and in this sense he believes *Diasporas* to further and perhaps go beyond the tradition set forth in Klein's *Second Scroll*.

In the laughing Talmudic mind of the Ottawa poet-professor is preserved the heritage of the Canadian Jewish literary tradition and its painstaking search for identity in the milieu of the Canadian community. As was the case with A.J. Klein and Irving Layton, Mayne brings to his calling an intellect shaped by the Hebrew enigmas presented him as a child, pursued by him as an adolescent and not yet resolved as an adult.

When his world moves from the prophetic to the academic, he is found to be equal to the task. *Diasporas* serves as literary evidence of the fact that Shlomo (as he is fondly known by a number of his proteges) offers his attentive wards a comprehensive world-view and an acute historical sense.

Mayne's more comic moments are pervaded by a haimische jocularity, garnished to a tasteful, if ribald, humor, and fortified by an impish rabbinical curiosity which addresses itself to such diverse and profound issues as sexuality, French-Canadian nationalist perceptions and the possibility of creating a flourishing indigenous Canadian literary community.

"As a Canadian Jewish writer, I can maintain both my Canadian and Jewish identity," he says. "The American community, the largest in the world, reveals a history of a community that knows something of itself. It has Judaized the country, whereas in Canada it's one piece of the mosaic."

Maine, a founder of Mosaic Press Valley Editions (a small but sophisticated publishing house operating out of Ottawa and Oakville which offered *Diasporas* as a spring release for 1978), is worried that in the long run Canadians will become indifferent to Israel, and charges the "plutocracy" that runs the various Jewish institutions in the country as being unresponsive to various needs of the youth.

"If Canadian Jewish youth would try to really discover what is Canadian and Jewish, both sides would be reinforced."

The faculty advisor to the Jewish Student's Union at University of Ottawa believes the Jewish community in North America to be in a state of peril. "Young people don't have a sense of their Jewishness," he proclaims. "There is a concerted and intense campaign of Arabs in this country to stir up latent anti-Semitism. We have to enlighten the gentle population to both sides of the argument and especially to the tremendous contribution of the Jewish community in this country."

Works like *Diasporas* may aid in the process of enlightenment. The poems (numbering 127 and written between 1973 and 1977), provide worthwhile reading for those of us searching for a better understanding of the interplay between religiosity and nationalism, a sense of being Jewish and Canadian — a member of the Diaspora and a citizen of an Anglo-French nation.

The fall of 1979 will see Maine on sabbatical, fulfilling the age-old adage "Next Year in Jerusalem" — a city he pays homage to in one of his poems.

TORONTO—

A lack of access to community facilities and unemployment were the two major problems encountered by the physically handicapped, Dr. Stuart Smith told a morning consultation of volunteers and professionals on the place of the exceptional in the Jewish community.

The leader of the opposition for the province of Ontario, was the keynote speaker at the meeting sponsored by the Social Planning Committee Exceptionals Work Group of Toronto Jewish Congress. In addition to the physically handicapped, included in the discussions were problems of segregation faced by the mentally retarded and learning disabled—all three categorized as "exceptionals."

Dr. Smith said the Jewish community has always been an example to the rest of society as "a leader in the social service field," but chided, "have we become too comfortable in recent years and allowed ourselves to neglect this group in our community whose needs we have not focused on?"

A practicing psychiatrist before embarking on a political career, the Ontario Liberal party leader stressed that the learning disabled "must be identified in the early stages. Resource centres are needed for testing and diagnostic materials, and a whole range of facilities and accommodations must be made available for the retarded — institutions, group homes, foster and day care."

He was aware of community prejudice against group homes, he said.

"Group homes are not a blight, but a sign of taking responsibility. In time of restraint, volunteerism is essential. It can help government provide the basics and change community attitudes on specific projects."

Employment, he continued, should be the number one push as the best way to break the barriers for the physically handicapped.

"There are no valid grounds for segregating physically disabled persons. They can contribute, but no one will let them. We cannot deny humanity to our fellow citizens."

Following the keynote address, the consultation broke up into two working sessions. The first, Jewish Education: the forgotten children, was chaired by Irving Feldman, TJC secretary, and included among the panelists, Milton Friedman, executive director, Jewish Vocational Service; Barbara Krugstin, founder of Tikvah Chaim, a Jewish program for children with learning disabilities; and Robert F. Martin, of the Metro Toronto School Board.

Working session II, "Affiliation, Socialization and Recreation," had lawyer Carl Keyfetz as chairman, and a panel which included Rabbi Sheldon Stein-

berg, community chaplain; Randi Duke, National Institute for Mental Retardation; Martin Krossel, TJC Work Group on Exceptionals; and Sid Brail, executive director, Jewish Community Centre. Chairman for the day was Madeleine Epstein.

Public schools face the same problems as Jewish schools, Martin told his listeners. "There is a growing movement toward more acceptance of exceptionals and more normalization," he said. "If a person perceives himself as useless and unable to cope, he will likely become useless and unable to cope, unless the trend is reversed."

Rabbi Steinberg lashed out at the indifference of the Jewish community and his own colleagues in particular. "We ought to be ashamed of ourselves for what is not being done for these children and adults. They are human beings and can gain consolation in prayer, like anyone else," he remarked. "We should bring them into

synagogues, they have a right to learn Torah... we cannot afford to have them thrown on the ash heap."

"It is not in our tradition to reject those among us who need special help. We should see the person, not the handicap, and learn to deal with realities."

Martin Krossel, who has cerebral palsy, told

the session it was the responsibility of the community to bring Judaism to as many people as possible. "Parents take care of the material needs, but spiritual needs get shunted aside."

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WASHINGTON—

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Austria impact

VIENNA (JCN)—

The strong impact of the "Holocaust" film in Austria can only now be fully assessed. According to the latest survey, 300,000 Austrians changed their minds about the extent of the persecution of European Jewry by Nazis after seeing "Holocaust."

Before the film was screened, 72% believed that the Nazis had killed several million Jews. After the series this percentage rose to 81. Some 50% believed that Austrian citizens had played a major role as persecutors compared with 44% before the series. A disappointing aspect was the fact that more than 60% had believed that there should be no more war crimes trials, and the film had not changed their percentage.

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'The whole failure of Yiddish today could be attributed to one generation'

By ARLENE BALKANSKY and MARK STEIN

A rabbi's daughter elopes with a Russian noble. Surviving a pogrom and a Siberian winter, they find their way to America where, after five prosperous years, they take a tour of Washington that culminates by shaking hands with President Taft.

That is the scenario of a 1920 film, *In The Czar's Name*, one of many silent films aimed for the Jewish immigrant audience. These were the beginnings of Yiddish film-making, something of a stepchild in culture and in film culture. Yiddish film-making flourished in this country for about thirty years — up until the Second World War. Today, the passing of the Jewish immigrant generation, those aspects of Yiddish culture which found a unique expression in film are faced with evolution or extinction.

"We in the Yiddish theatrical profession are in the midst of a tremendous crisis," says Hebrew Actors Union president Leon Liebgold. "It would be a shame," he adds, "to let this disappear because of the negligence of one generation. The whole failure of Yiddish today could be attributed to one generation."

In the late thirties, Leon Liebgold and his wife, Lili Liliana, co-starred as the young lovers in the film version of *The Dybbuk*. Recently this film was revived by The American Film Institute at the Kennedy Center in Washington. The theatre was filled to capacity. "I think you could put any Yiddish film on the screen and the people would pack the house," says Audrey Kupperberg, a film archivist at the AFI, who notes an important element in this renewed interest in Yiddish films when she says, "Yiddish has tamm — it melts in your mouth."

With the creation in 1976 of the Rutenberg and Everett Yiddish Film Library, the greater availability of these films has led to revivals in many cities. In New York last October, more than 1,000 yiddish and non-Yiddish speaking people of all ages came in rainy weather to see *A Brivle Der Mamen* (A Little Letter to Mother) — the opening film in New York's first Yiddish Film Festival. Some time earlier, Philadelphia's Walnut Street Theatre filled to capacity for a showing of Cantor Moishe Oysher in *Yenkl Der Shmud* (The Singing Blacksmith), and in Baltimore, the Pickwick Jewish Center has drawn large crowds for its Yiddish film offerings.

Strictly speaking, the earliest of these films cannot claim to be Yiddish, given that they're silent films. Many, however, such as *A Passover Miracle* (1924) and *The Children of the Ghetto* (1915), were printed with Yiddish titles. Today, most of these films are lost — their scenarios preserved only by piecing together newspaper reviews. The discovery of an old print in a closet or a trunk is a rare occasion for film archivists. Recently, David Parker of the Library of Congress Motion

Picture Section, made contact with Donald Zimmerman, a professor of film in the state of Washington, who had in turn made contact with the widow of a film collector who happened to have had — unbeknownst to all — the only known surviving copy of *Michael Strogoff*, a 1914 film believed to be the first and perhaps only screen appearance of Jacob P. Adler. The only film record of a classic actor from the Yiddish theatre is, needless to say, of enormous value.

It was both this rapidly-developing Yiddish theatre and the newly-born film industry which interacted to produce well over 100 Yiddish films. Less than half seem to have survived. The early silents were not so much crude as they were disarmingly straightforward depictions of the Jewish immigrant's fantasies and frustrations in America.

In *The Yiddisher Cowboy*, for example, filmed in 1911, Ikey Rosenthal becomes disenchanted with peddling in Wyoming and gets a job at the Bar-X-Ranch. Taunted by his fellow cowhands, he avenges these indignities by setting up a pawnshop and taking their guns as collateral when they return from town penniless after a payday spree.

The theme is archetypical in Yiddish culture — that element of Jewish culture resulting from Diaspora: the Wandering Jew. In *The Yiddisher Cowboy* we have the Wandering Jew comically misplaced on a Wyoming dude ranch. Ikey Rosenthal, the Jewish schlemiel who triumphs through his wit — it is the unique "Jewish joke." Here in 1911 is the film heritage of Woody Allen.

The uniqueness of *The Yiddisher Cowboy* is exceeded only by the fact that there were two Yiddish Cowboys. The first film of this title was a 1909 production in which a peddler named Levy falls asleep beneath a poster of a cowboy and dreams a series of adventures in which he's the steely-eyed man of the west.

As early as 1908, we find a film called *The Airship* something that the Yiddish stage never fully explored: all-out, pie-in-the-face farce. The film depicts a future air-cycle policeman's pursuit of a Jew who, peddling his own aerial contraption, crashes into the sea, is swallowed by a whale, and is saved by sailors whom he rewards by dancing a hornpipe.

This early Yiddish audience was short-lived. They were, for the most part, working-class immigrants to whom films and cowboys and airships were new and exotic things. And because at this early date few of them were conversant in English, Yiddish stage, film, and vaudeville were the only theatres where they would

venture. More importantly, having come from the oppression of the sweatshop, this audience — perhaps more than any other audience — had cultivated the art of enjoyment. They were both intense and easy to delight — known for engaging in dialogues with actors on the stage, they no doubt talked back at the movie screen as well.

By the 1930s, films such as *The Yiddisher Cowboy* and *The Airship* would come to be seen as cheap stereotypes at best. Journalists Harry Potamkin and N.L. Rothman were among a growing number who charged filmmakers with a wilful distortion of the Jewish character, resulting, they claimed, in a wider breach between Jews and Christians. These charges, however, were those of the younger generation — an American-born generation extremely self-conscious of its Jewishness. This generation would shave its beard and speak English. And if not exactly Orthodox in their observances, they would bring to Judaism a sacrosanctity quite foreign to their parents' generation, and quite lethal to Yiddish film and culture. In short, they wished to Americanize Jewishness.

The generation which produced *The Yiddisher Cowboy* was more ingenious and a lot less touchy. Though we tend to think of them as having the same rigorous piety as the Puritans, we forget that side-by-side with their Orthodoxy was their Socialism. (Yom Kippur, the most sacred day in the Jewish year, was characterized in their day by the pious in the synagogues and the "free-thinkers" defiantly celebrating at Yom Kippur balls.) The religion came under greater critical scrutiny than it has at any time since, with the possible recent exception of Philip Roth. Small wonder that in these early films concerning Jews in love with Gentiles, the union frequently was vindicated. So prevalent had this become, that in 1913 a delegation of rabbis was invited to a preview of *The Jew's Christmas*, a film about a rabbi who disowns but is later reconciled to his daughter who has married out of the faith. The press reported that the delegation reacted favorably.

The development of talkies in the late Twenties made the Yiddish film available to the Yiddish theatre. Some of the early Yiddish sound films, short one-reelers aimed for

vaudeville houses, reflected Irving Howe's assessment that what stirred the immigrant's heart was "a theatre bringing a touch of the Sabbath, even if a de-based or vulgarized Sabbath." Consequently the great cantors, Yussel Rosenblatt, Adolph Katchko, Mordecai Hershtman and others were quickly put on film. In time, entire screenplays would be written as vehicles to display this, the oldest Jewish theatrical tradition: the cantor.

Viable formula

The mixture of theatre and Sabbath has always been a successful formula with Jewish audiences, having been employed not only in Yiddish films, but also in American films from the very advent of commercial talkies when Cantor Rosenblatt was cast with Al Jolson in *The Jazz Singer* — the story of a cantor's son whose Broadway debut is scheduled for the evening of Yom Kippur. But when the dutiful son postpones his opening, the audience is treated to Jolson chanting the sacred Kol Nidre in a film that also features *My Gal Sal and Waiting for the Robert E. Lee*.

The formula remained viable through the history of Yiddish film. The New York Times review of *The Cantor's Son* praised Moishe Oysher, "the rather youthful New York cantor, who makes the audience laugh with gay songs and brings tears to the eyes of many in the solemn ceremonies."

Moishe Oysher, one of the more successful stars of Yiddish film, followed up on the success of *The Cantor's Son* with *Overture to Glory* and *The Singing Blacksmith*. *Overture to Glory*, like *The Cantor's Son*, was about a cantor who leaves the pulpit for a theatrical career, later to return penitently. If not precisely autobiographical, the two stories were certainly close to home. *The Singing Blacksmith*, however, was a different sort of cantorial vehicle. Here Oysher portrayed a swashbuckling blacksmith with a swash-buckling voice, who falls in love and is tamed by a refined shoene maadel (pretty girl). Co-starring in the film was a young actor who appeared in a number of Yiddish films,

Hershel Bernardi.

For the next ten years, the Yiddish film industry would produce its finest efforts. Often these were film adaptations of classics from the Yiddish stage, such as Jacob Gordin's *Mirele Efros*, the story of a widow who is a successful businesswoman, driven from her home by the daughter-in-law she herself selected.

The filming of Peretz Hirshbein's *Green Fields*, the story of a scholar from the city of Berditchev who boards with a family of simple Jewish peasants, was reported by Film Daily "an outstanding production that will find wide appeal outside the Jewish race." Unfortunately, Yiddish films never did find an audience outside "the Jewish race."

In fact, Frank Nugent's review of *Green Fields* in New York Times takes quite the opposite view regarding the film's universal appeal, stating, "The thrills and parries, although gayly received by those in the linguistic know, unfortunately sailed well above this goyish kopf (Gentile head)." Nugent knew that the subtitles were cheating him of the Yiddish tamm: "When beard waggles at beard and farmers' wives stand chin to chin for a full two minutes, one is bound to feel like a tribal stepchild when the titled explanation proves to be, 'You don't know what it means to have a man of learning in the family.'"

Though Yiddish filmmakers were not actively trying to attract a secular audience, they were trying to market a more secular product as Jews assimilated into America. With the filming of *Neighbors* in 1938 Film Daily observed that "this new Yiddish picture breaks away from the traditional appeal of

religion and racial customs." The film is a farce set in an apartment house where two neighbors, one a connoisseur of classical music and the other a fanatic about jazz, have the same name. A niece of one arrives for a visit and goes to the wrong apartment. The rest is fun.

Other Yiddish films of the period concerned, as did many American films, labor struggles. With the

onset of the Depression, Maurice Schwartz, the charismatic actor-manager of the Yiddish Art Theater, wrote and starred in the film *Uncle Moses*. Schwartz portrayed a philanthropic garment manufacturer who is crushed by the realization that a labor agitator in his shop has been his wife's lover. Good theatre per-

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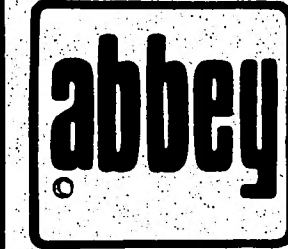
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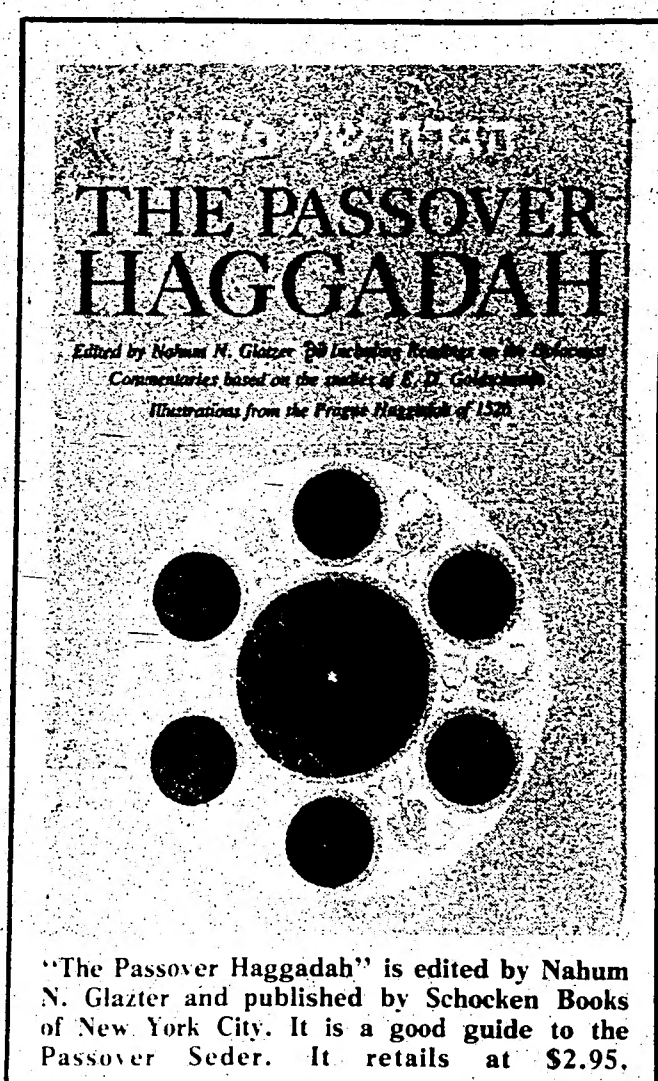
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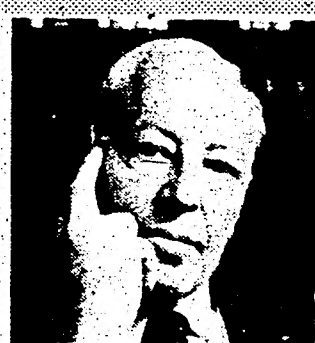
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'War and Remembrance' by Wouk is novel spanning World War II



book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

War and Remembrance
By Herman Wouk
Little, Brown, \$15.

If this review is several months late is because **War and Remembrance** is a massive tome of over 1,000 pages that one tends to read intermittently.

This sequel to **The Winds of War** attempts nothing less than the entire sweep of World War II from Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima. The enthralled reader relives the terrible and tragic days of the fall of Singapore, the siege of Leningrad, the dramatic

battles of Midway and Layte Gulf and the dropping of the atomic bomb. More than 200 pages are devoted to the account of three Jewish refugees who flee for their lives across the contorted face of Europe. They evoke the horror of the Nazi death camps and the attempted genocide of European Jewry.

As in the earlier novel, we experience momentous events through the eyes of the ubiquitous members of the Henry family. Victor (Pug) Henry is a creature of fantasy who serves the author well as the eyes and ears of the world. Not only is he present at almost every major naval battle of

the Pacific campaign as well as on the Russian battlefield, but he also makes suggestions about the reconstruction of the world that are eagerly welcomed by such luminaries as Eisenhower, Halsey and Simitz—not to speak of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin—at such major conferences as Potsdam and Tcheran.

What isn't covered by "Pug" is handed over to his sons Warren, a dive-bomber pilot, and Byron, an intrepid submariner. Anxious to omit nothing, the author even depicts the enemy point of view as seen by a fictional German general, the in-fighting between the Unit-

ed States army and navy over plans for action in the Pacific, the fire-bombing of Dresden and the personality of Adolph Eichmann.

It is tempting to ridicule Wouk's attempt at "total recall" through the impossible exploits of a superhuman personality. But his story-telling ability is so compelling—especially his detailed description of naval battles—that the reader lapses into a willing suspension of disbelief. Jewish readers will be especially interested in the lives of Natalie, Pug's Jewish daughter-in-law, and her uncle Aaron Jastrow who had converted to Christianity.

Rescued from Auschwitz at the last moment, Natalie experiences a profound sense of Jewish consciousness and loyalty and is reunited with her child who also affirms a new Jewish identity. The uncle, a victim of Nazi barbarism, stubbornly reaffirms his Jewishness and dies with the words of the Shema on his lips.

For those who may have forgotten, or were too young to live through the events depicted, **War and Remembrance** is both an easy way to brush up on recent history and a long, enjoyable read.

For World Zionist Organization's consideration

Diaspora needs effective broadcast media

Opinion

By RICK KARDONNE

Today's times cry out for a professional Jewish broadcast media throughout the Diaspora.

Here in Toronto, the most obvious example of media hostility towards Israel's most fundamental basic positions revolves around the Caravan issue. This intransigent attitude here is consistently symptomatic of a global media campaign to isolate Israel and world Jewry during the upcoming crucial negotiations in regards to Judea, Samaria, and Gaza.

The central purpose of this campaign will be to delegitimize the centrality of Jerusalem to world Jewish existence. In a recent issue of *The Jerusalem Post*, Malka Rabinowitz, Washington correspondent, emphasized the urgent need for a far more aggressive Jewish public relations campaign in order to meet this propaganda onslaught.

But effective public relations on Israel's behalf will be impossible if its only vehicles continue to be the shoe-string-budget family-store operations which most North American Jewish radio and TV programs are today. In order to present Israel's just cause most effectively, we must draw upon the best political, broadcast-oriented, commercial and cultural brains among us. In other words, Jewish radio and TV programs must be first-rate professional operations which must be initially amply funded by the es-

tablished Jewish organizations so as to present a polished image which will then quickly attract commercial sponsorship.

Ideally, a half-hour Jewish TV program in Toronto must be hosted by a professional broadcaster backed up by a research team. He should be interviewing all visiting Israeli and Diaspora-Jewish VIPs who have speaking engagements here. His (or her) style and approach should measure up with the best of CTV or Sixty Minutes. Videotapes from Israel Broadcasting should be screened. High-level exposes and discussion programs must also be featured.

On the entertainment level, besides screening excerpts from Israeli films and spotlighting the world Jewish cultural scene in depth, all top local Jewish entertainment must be

presented on a regular union-scale basis. Israeli fashions must get a prominent display, as well as Israeli art and handicrafts.

On the general-educational-interest level, the program must also feature latest developments in Israeli science, archeology and human development. Brief historical background documentaries of general Jewish as well as Israeli content would also be immensely illuminating. In addition, the program would feature appropriate segments of interest to the religious communities: Christian and Moslem as well as Jewish.

Ideally, this proposed Toronto Jewish TV program would be just the Toronto component of a worldwide Jewish broadcast network centred in Jerusalem with its focus the existing Israeli Broadcast Authority setup. The

network would encompass an English-language system with outlets originating in the major American, Canadian and British cities (as well as other major English-speaking centres both with Jewish populations, such as Sydney,

Melbourne and Johannesburg; and, eventually, non-Jewish populations in key developing commercial centres such as Lagos and Singapore); French-speaking system for France and Quebec; and Spanish-speaking system

for Spain, Mexico and Argentina.

I urgently believe that the World Zionist Organization consider such a proposal, and that Toronto be the spearhead city for such a fully professional Jewish TV program. Initially fi-

nanced by the ZOC or equivalent here, I am confident that such a polished show, with mixed international Jewish and local content, will quickly attract competitive local commercial sponsorship.

Tribute to martyrs of the Holocaust

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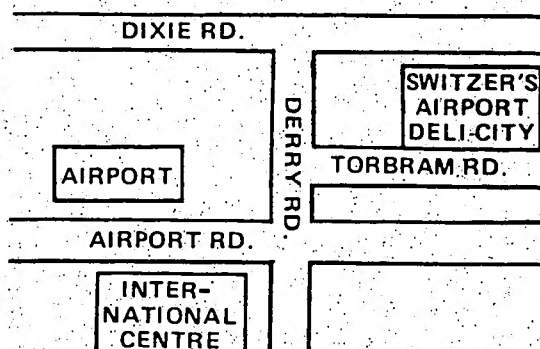
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Herschel Bernardi describes career's Yiddish roots

By ELEANOR COLEMAN

(First of two parts)

LOS ANGELES—

"I nearly bombed in Winnipeg one time," Herschel Bernardi declared to me when I said I was from The Canadian Jewish News.

A television crew was hauling equipment out of his crowded dressing room at the Solari Theatre. Bernardi had just taped an interview for an upcoming documentary about Yiddish culture in America. He invited me to sit down by the make-up table.

Three hours to curtain time. The veteran actor whose credits range from an unforgettable Teyve in *Fiddler on the Roof* to the shrewd Lt. Jacoby of television's long-running *Peter Gunn* would be playing Max Silverman, the cantankerous Coney Island vendor in Herb Gardner's *The Goodbye People*. (The play recently began its Broadway run.)

Bernardi's deep, resonant voice broke into chuckles. He was recalling that near-flop with Yiddish theatre in Winnipeg.

"I was touring with my one-man show and my bookers had told me to do it translated into English. When I got to Winnipeg, the people there asked me what I was going to do first. I told them. They said, 'Yiddish?'"

"I said, 'No. English.'"

"English??"

"I said, 'What do you mean? The audience understands Yiddish?'"

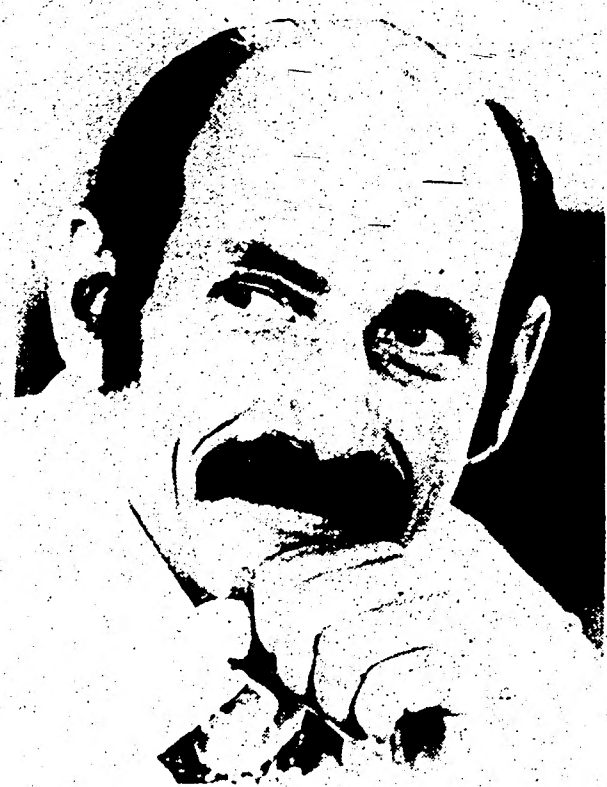
"Of course!!!"

"They were very kind to me there."

Bernardi has found that Yiddish is spoken more in Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal than in many American cities, where, he complains, the melting pot gobbles up ethnic heritage.

And Yiddish is as natural to Herschel Bernardi as walking on a stage.

He began performing in the Yiddish theatre with his parents in his native New York City. They



Actor Herschel Bernardi

were a family theatre troupe, travelling across the country during the Depression. Bernardi, the youngest of five children, attended 26 different schools during his boyhood. When a change of voice ended his juvenile acting career, times got even rougher.

Arriving in Hollywood to break into the movies, he was told, "With that nose?"

"I was a young ugly," he recalls. "Today that's a very good thing to be, like Pacino and Hoffman. But not then!"

Luckily the young actor met Howard Da Silva, an artist who shared his love of Jewish folklore. Da Silva recruited him for a recording of "Tales from the Old Country," a collection of stories by Sholom Aleichem. Another mentor, director John

Berry, advised Bernardi to postpone his movie ambitions until he was old enough to play character roles.

He returned to New York, working on the borscht circuit in the summers and cabdriving during the winters. He also developed a one-man show which he performed for various Jewish organizations. "On Friday nights I'd get dressed in the only suit I owned, drive my cab towards the area where I had to perform, park the cab around the corner, do my 60-minute show, collect the 20 bucks they paid me, dash back to my cab, drive around the corner and pick up people leaving the show. That way I got instant reviews."

Ironically, Bernardi's biggest opportunity came during Hollywood's darkest period. In 1953, the blacklisting rampage of the McCarthy era drove Howard Da Silva back to New York, where he produced *The World of Sholom Aleichem*. Bernardi sought out his old colleague and agreed to understudy for ten male roles—in addition to selling programs and record albums in the lobby!

After six months, Bernardi replaced Da Silva in the lead role and toured with the production for two years. At thirty-five he was finally making a full-time living as an actor.

Many roles later, he became a singing Teyve, following Zero Mostel and Luther Adler for a long run in *Fiddler on the Roof*. The musical owes much of its success to Da Silva's production, which, says Bernardi, prepared audiences for a portrayal of life in the shtetl.

The actor recalls the night his mother came to see *Fiddler*. "She came backstage. I asked, 'How did you like it?'"

"She said, 'We did it thirty times on Second Avenue—and we did it better.' I tend to agree."

Although Yiddish is woven into the Bernardi psyche, there is little chance to use it these days. "I miss it," he told me, "it's a definite gap in my life. I just realized—I think in Yiddish." Suddenly he smiled. "But the other day I composed a little song in Yiddish for my brother's birthday. I surprised myself. I remembered a lot."

Failure of Yiddish today

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haps, but bad politics.

By 1938, the view of labor was reversed in *Motel, The Operator* (mistakenly listed in one resource as *The Motel Operator*). This film dealt with a cloakmaker's strike in which Motel, a strike leader, is injured by strikebreakers, loses his wife and is separated from his son for 20 years. Too heavily laden with old-time melodrama for a 1938 audience that could go up-town to see Clifford Odets' successful play about a taxi strike, *Waiting for Lefty*, the film was poorly received.

Yiddish films were now being reviewed side-by-side with the products of Hollywood.

By the end of the Second World War, a full-grown generation of American-born Jews had evacuated their urban ghettos. In their haste to escape they left behind their idiosyncrasies along with their stereotypes; and they left the Yiddish language; and they left empty theatres.

Many veterans of the Yiddish stage and film made the transition to American films successfully. In 1956, Moishe Oysher returned to co-star with Joe Adams in *Singing in the Dark*. In the film, Cantor Oysher portrayed a survivor of a concentration camp who suffers from amnesia. After a few drinks one night in a hotel bar, he breaks into a song that cracks up the audience. Joey Adams, who portrayed a stand-up comic, signs him to a contract and his tragedy becomes a nightclub success. An interesting footnote to Moishe Oysher's versatile talents is being credited in The New York Times with having contributed the idea for the screenplay.

Molly Picon, well-known for her career on the Yiddish and American stage, was also involved in Yiddish films, having starred in *Yiddle with his Fiddle* in 1937 and in *Mamele* in 1938—both critical successes. Her efforts in Hollywood proved to be no less successful; she starred in the hit film

Come Blow Your Horn in 1963.

But now yet another generation of Jews has reached maturity, the generation which, although they understand little Yiddish packed the AFI theatre to see *The Dybbuk*. Feeling more culturally secure than their parents (perhaps because of their parents) this generation now seeks to redress that part of their character which has been suffocating under the effort to Americanize Yiddish culture. Consequently it is this generation that has produced the "Yinglish" (English language/Yiddish culture) comedy of Woody Allen, most directly in his recent film, *Annie Hall*, but also in earlier films where, as the Wandering Jew, Woody Allen has misplaced himself—in Latin American revolutions, in the stark bank robber, in a man's body as a sperm, and in the future. Attached to this generation is Mel

Brooks who has started bringing back elements of the old-time farce such as his *Yiddisher Indians* in *Blazing Saddles*. This generation too has given us Joan Michlin Silver's *Hester Street*, a film based on the novel *Yekl*, written in English in 1895 by Yiddish newspaper editor Abraham Cahan. Filmed in black-and-white, *Hester Street* achieved an almost documentary realism in its use of both Yiddish and English.

Hester Street is a modern film about long ago. While it is certainly a descendant of the Yiddish film, in essence it comes from another source than the films in which Leon Liebgold participated. It is interesting that Silver, being of a generation which is seeking to salvage a neglected culture, has put Yiddish into a film version of a novel that was written after all, in English. Whether this is because of a nostalgic quality she wished to invest in the film, or because of a desire

for realism, both are modern sensibilities not present (or only beginning to show their presence) in the earlier Yiddish films.

Furthermore, the view in *Hester Street* of Yekl's desire to become Jake, to become an American, shows only those unfavorable aspects of this assimilation which paint today's emerging generation of Jews. Not shown, however, are the favorable aspects—the mixed emotions which Cahan wrote into his novel whose title directed our attention not to a street, but to a man. If it is true that today's young generation of Jews who recently came to see *The Dybbuk* is not as narrow minded and short-sighted as Jake was, it should be remembered that the Kennedy Center is a long way from Hester Street.

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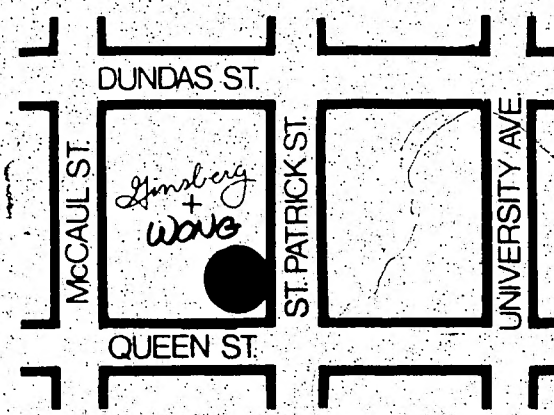
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Travel

A 1930s SODA BAR THAT'S STILL IN EXISTENCE

By LEWIS LEVENDEL

SAVANNAH, Georgia—Southern hospitality, some of the best cooking you'll ever taste and a host of sites in the largest designated historical area in the U.S. are some of the attractions awaiting visitors to this Georgia port city. Savannah is easily accessible to Canadians heading to or returning from Florida by car.

In 22 square miles of old Savannah, there are 24 beautifully green squares and 1,100 buildings, in-

cluding those of Jewish interest, labelled "architecturally and historically important." The area has been designated to be a National Historic Landmark.

On account of its size, touring Savannah is anything but an exhausting car ride or foot-weary journey through history.

At the Visitors Centre, 301 West Broad St., tourists can pick up excellent brochures on the city including literature for four walking and three driving tours. Bicycles can also be

rented. Two groups offer organized bus tours including visits to historic sites. But it's probably best to walk; all squares have benches on which to rest.

Besides plaques and monuments in nearly all the squares, the gnarled trees shrouded in Spanish moss capture the visitor's attention. Around the squares stand churches, synagogues and regency row houses with ornamental iron railings, shrubs, holly trees and garden walks.

Savannah was founded in 1733 by Gen. James Oglethorpe and 120 colonists who came to start the 13th English colony. The Briton laid out the town in a "system of public squares, thereby making it America's first planned community."

Savannah served first as an important seaport, then a giant of the cotton trade until an economic depression and yellow fever epidemic caused setbacks. The town, situated seven miles from the Atlantic, saw considerable action in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

A month after Oglethorpe's landing in 1733, 43 Sephardic Jews arrived in Savannah, bringing with them a circumcision box and a Sefer Torah and began Congregation Mikve Israel. Services were held in a rented house, making this congregation the third oldest in the U.S. Within that decade, Ashkenazi Jews arrived, Correspondence surviving from that time shows considerable strife between the Sephardim from London and the Ashkenazim from Germany.

Mikve Israel was the first congregation in the U.S. to congratulate Gen. Washington upon his inauguration. His return letter is visible in the synagogue's museum. The congregation's first permanent building was constructed in 1820; the present structure, English Gothic in style, was built in 1878.

Today's rabbi, Aaron J.

Rubin, told this reporter in an interview his synagogue was the first one to use a mixed choir and an organ in a shul (in the 1820s). Mikve Israel is the oldest still-active Reform congregation in the U.S.

About 3,500 to 4,000 Jews live in the metropolitan Savannah area. There are also Orthodox and Conservative congregations. The Orthodox rabbi, Avraham Rosenberg, is an uncle of Montreal writer Mordecai Richler.

In Mikve Israel's museum is its 1790 charter, minutes from the 18th century meetings, the original Torah from 1733, letters from Jefferson and Lincoln through Nixon and Carter, and an Orthodox prayer book from the 1790s that reads from right to left.

Savannah's revitalization as a tourist attraction started when some of the townfolk reacted in horror at the proposed demolition of one of the last Georgian buildings in the community. A committee was formed to save it. Today, the three-storey Davenport House with its serpentine stairway is a museum. The historic area is bustling and the neighborhoods are blooming again and, as a result, people are moving back into the city core.

One of the most beautiful of the historic old houses is the Telfair Academy of Art and Sciences. Besides housing an art museum featuring the work of the much-underrated American Impressionist

painters, it has a drawing room, salon and dining room furnished in the grand style. And don't miss the English regency Owens-Thomas House with its unique arched bridge connecting the front and back second-floor landings and its outstanding U.S. antiques.

River Street is the hub of the boutiques and nightlife, most of it reasonably priced by Canadian standards. It runs alongside the water with well-lit pedestrian walkways, fountains, parks and parking facilities. Best bargains can be found in nautical knick-knacks and seafood.

Above the river is a few blocks of brick buildings

known as Factor's Row, named for cotton factors or brokers who inhabited these edifices when cotton reigned supreme in the 1800s. Streets are paved with stones used for ballast from early sailing ships.

A must for visitors is a riverboat cruise to see the surprisingly large port facility (it's the biggest port in the U.S. south Atlantic). You sit and watch as giant freighters ply their way down the Savannah River with the aid of tugboats. Large manufacturing plants, miles of docks, warehouses and oil terminals, a revolution-era fort and the world's largest pulp and paper company (hold your nose!) lie

along the water.

As soon as the boat leaves the dock, it passes the Waving Girl Statue. For 40 years, Florence Martins stood vigil at a lighthouse at the gateway to the Savannah River and greeted all vessels. In return, the ships blasted a short whistle. Today, all vessels sound a greeting to her statue.

Judging from five days of eating here, Savannah richly deserves its inter-

national reputation for its cuisine. For example, the Pirates' House, featuring beautifully prepared seafood, is set in a 17th-century sailors' tavern said to be the model for Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island. Try stuffed flounder, such salad delights as tomato aspic and strawberry rind and grasshopper and pecan pie. Other places worth trying are The Pink House, Shrimp Factory, Mrs. Wil-

kes Boarding House and Crystal Beer Parlor. And after you visit the Jewish museum, hop across the square to Solomons, a drugstore with a 1930s soda bar still in existence. A delicious soda is only 55 cents. For the budget-conscious, try Morrison's Cafeteria, where, with linen napkins, one can eat filet mignon, fried chicken and luscious salad plates for under \$2 each.



The Owens-Thomas House in this gracious southern city is a must-see attraction.

Extensive digs ending

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Professor Benjamin Mazar, who headed the excavations which began in 1968 at the Western Wall of the complex, traditionally known as the Wailing Wall, will now spend many years studying the rich finds and preparing the scientific publications of his dig along the western and southern approaches of the Temple Mount.

King Solomon built the First Temple on Mount Moriah, the site where Abraham had gone in order to sacrifice his son Isaac. It was destroyed in 586 before the common era. The Second Temple was built on the same spot in 515 BCE. King Herod did much to enlarge and embellish it, extending the surface of the mountain into the Valley of the Cheesemakers on the west and the Kidron Valley to

the east. For two years, from 20 to 18 BCE, Herod's engineers built massive walls to buttress the expanded area of the Temple Mount. The Wailing Wall, as it stands today, is a 30 metres long stretch of the Western Wall.

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Tay-Sachs testing clinic will be held April 29 at the BB Youth building

TORONTO —

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Tay-Sachs, a non-treatable disease 100 times more common in Jewish children than in the non-Jewish population, results in death at the age of three to five years. A simple blood test of both parents to identify carriers can help prevent transmission of this hereditary disease.

In 1971 B'nai B'rith Women, in conjunction with The Hospital for Sick Children, initiated a Tay Sachs screening program which was followed by a series of testing clinics with other Jewish women's organizations and synagogues. As a result of this community effort, 10,000 people were tested in the series of clinics. A further 3,000 Torontonians have been tested since. Through results from the previously conducted clinics, it was found that the incidence rate of carriers in Toronto is twice as high as in any other North American city. One in every 14 persons was found to be a carrier, whereas the carrier rate in other cities is one in every 30.

As a result of the clinics, 25 couples were identified as both being carriers and could possibly produce a child with Tay-Sachs. No Tay-Sachs children were born in Toronto from 1972, until 1978. These results show that Tay-Sachs, while not curable, can be prevented. Prior to 1972 an average of two children per year were born with this disease in Toronto. In recent months, a Tay-Sachs child was born to an immigrant couple

who had not heard of the disease nor the need to be tested.

If both parents are carriers, they stand a one in four chance of giving birth to a child with this disease. Couples, when identified, can be counselled as to their risks.

The Sunday testing is open to all. According to a BB spokesman, those who have already had their families may also profit by the testing: if they are discovered to be carriers, they will be aware of the possibility that their children are also carriers. If neither parent is a carrier, they need not worry that their children are.

Teenagers under the age of 18 who wish to be tested must have a letter of permission from their parents.

'The people of a nation do not have to be alike'

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL—

The people of a nation do not have to be alike. They just have to get along. said New York Times syndicated columnist William Safire in an address to a large gathering here of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Speaking on the subject "Nationalism—Good or Bad," the well-known American pundit inaugurated the Canadian body's first Memorial Lecture Series with a strong defence of the pluralistic society. "A nation is not a melting pot," said the Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and former Nixon speechwriter. "A nation is a salad bowl in which ingredients are tossed together, but remain unique and un-melted."

Israel, he said, is a nation in the multi-peopled sense with a population of 40 different backgrounds "living in one place and a nation."

He called the term "Jewish people" a misnomer. "When I pray I'm an American Jew. When I vote, I'm a Jewish American. That is, I belong to the religious community and cultural tradition of Judaism, but I have no confusion about national identity. I am a flag-waving, hard-driving national-

istic American. An Israeli is a citizen of Israel."

Assimilation, he continued, is not a good idea "except for those people who are too self-conscious and insecure to be themselves." He said nationalism was "good when it protects diversity, bad only when it tramps on the rights of a minority."

"If nationalism, an as-serive love of country, a fierce patriotism, is the tie that binds diverse cultures and different religions, then it can be a way-station to peace, not to war," he said.

Touching on the "separatist" trend sweeping the world, Safire stressed that any nation which counted for anything in the world was strongest as a grouping of different peoples. He said that in a democracy where there "is a chance to make changes and a sense of nationhood which encourages compromise and adjustment, there is no cause for splitting apart."

Just as for the citizens of Great Britain and Belgium, the citizens of Canada, all of them, would be the poorer if they permitted a process of disintegration to set in.

Safire contended that "separatism" was justified only when an ethnic or racial group was faced with deliberate destruction. A self-confessed con-

servative, Safire said the "centrifugal force" presently pulling apart large nations resulted from the rise of the welfare state, the spread of Socialism in the Third World and the pervasiveness of rapid communication systems.

The explosion in the number of small countries, he added, had turned the United Nations into a "playpen" with all the big power deals being made on the outside. As for the Middle East, he said the Palestinians already had a homeland in which many of them already live. "It's called Jordan."

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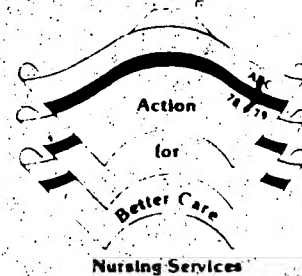
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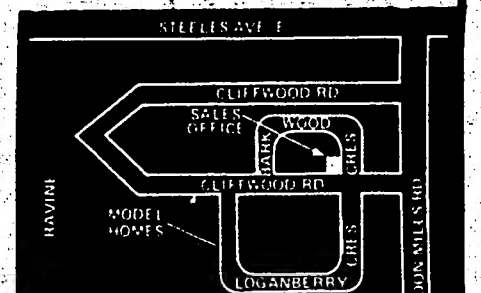
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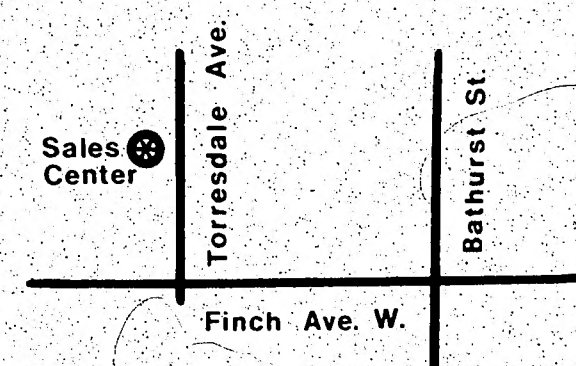
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 Stunning 3-4 bedroom, stone-front bungalow, nestled on cozy cul-de-sac. Huge 21' family kitchen, master has bath ensuite & dressing room. Ground level family room has stone fireplace, wet bar & walk-out to gorgeous lot. Call now! Margaret Heiman, 483-4337 or 656-9722.

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 Yonge & Steeles
 Luxury Condominium
 Super 3 bedroom condo, central air, 5 appliances, upgraded broadloom. Excellent financing. Asking \$56,000. Stan Grossman, 789-4325.

York Mills/Victoria Pk.
 Now reduced to \$69,900! A super backsplit semi with an 18x22 ft. heated inground pool. Featuring 4 bedrooms or 3 plus den, modern large eat-in kitchen, centrally aired. Priced for fast sale. Stan Grossman 789-4325.

Avenue Rd./Lawrence Super - \$72,500
 A delightful and most charming rustic interior with brand new kitchen, completely finished recreation room with wall unit built-in. Walkout to deck. Garden backs onto park on cul-de-sac street. A great find for the first time buyer who needs to do nothing but move in and enjoy. Bill Greisman, 789-4325.

Allenby School Area
 Now reduced to \$101,900!! A detached 2 storey, 3 bedroom residence with paneled dining room and modern equipped kitchen, separate living room with open log-burning fireplace. Panneled recreation room, new bathroom, circuit breakers, private drive. Cute as a button. Move in shape, act fast. Renee Bald, 789-4325.

Allenby School Charming
 Reduced to \$110,900. This house is a "gem". Magnificent panelling & natural wood trim throughout enhances quality of this 4 bedroom home. Separate living room has log-burning fireplace. French doors, separate breakfast room and fantastic paneled lower level. Circuit breakers, updated to move-in and enjoy. Spotless shape. Renee Bald, 789-4325.

Bathurst/Eglinton Sunshine House
 \$119,900. Impeccable and enjoyable 2 storey, 3 bedroom home with lovely main floor family room and ultra white kitchen. Large master has ens., finished paneled basement in pine. French Immersion area, walking distance to subway, shops and schools. Existing 9% mortgage. Myrna Stone, 789-4325.

Upper Village - \$124,900 - Centre Hall
 Move in and enjoy this lovely family home. 2 storey, 4 bedroom, powder room on main floor, finished basement, beautiful garden backing onto green belt in a highly desirable neighborhood. Tremendous size kitchen - Hurry for this one! Babs Wineberg, 789-4325.

Mini Georgian Eglinton/Bathurst - \$139,500
 A sparkling 2 storey, 4 bedroom residence with popular centre hall styling and main floor den with walk-out to pool-size cedar fenced garden. All exciting ingredients present - central air, stained floors, brick patio, master ens., finished lower level. Sunny & Spacious breakfast area. "Goodies Galore" Maggie Powell, 789-4325.

Lower Village Let's Make a Deal
 Must be sold to clear estate. This lovely 4 bedroom, master ens., home on Dunlop Rd., east of Spadina is a super family residence with main floor powder room and oak paneled den, fashionable barnwood panelling throughout lower level. Double garage, vendor anxious to close soon - property vacant. Myrna Stone, 789-4325.

Bathurst & Steeles
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Lower Village
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Bathurst - Y.M.H.A. \$139,900

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Opinion

By RICK KARDONNE

Perhaps, on a very superficial level, we Jews ought to feel grateful to the CBC-FM Celebration comparative-religion, radio series for presenting a program on Sephardic Jewry on April 8. This supposed gratefulness would have been much more sincere on our part if the program had not contained such glaring falsities that the more correct response should have been public protest.

The grossest inaccuracies consisted of statements by City University of New York professor Jan Gerber (the main narrator on the program) that "The Jews lived relatively undisturbed in the Arab countries with only minor indignities" (Yemen being the only Arab country where Jews were continually debased). I honestly don't see how she can make such a false statement. Expertly documented material such as Maurice Roman's *Persecution of Jews in Arab Countries*, Saul Friedland's *Myth of Arab Tolerance*, George Orwell's essay *Marrakesh* depicting ghettoized Jews in Morocco during the 1930s; and even writings by Arabs (available from Judy Feld-Carr and the Committee for Jews in Arab Countries) depicting Arab persecution of Jews resoundingly refute Prof. Gerber. Are the murderous pogroms in Algiers and Fez throughout the 19th century, the Damascus blood libel of 1840, the gross harassment of Cairo Jews in the 11th century, and the fact that the yellow star originated in Arab countries, "minor indignities"?

Does this program only further the current Arab propaganda line of mythical Jewish-Arab friendship prior to 1948, a line whose purpose is to totally blame Zionism for the current Middle East conflict? Aside from that, the program, which was meant to be a cultural and political history of the Sephardic Jews from Spain and their consequent evolution, contained other major deficiencies. Most important of all, it completely omitted any mention of the major Sephardic theologians, poets and intellectuals of the time, from Maimonides to Halevi to Ceroni to Caro, etc.

Prof. Gerber made several debatable statements which at least merited specific investigation as to their credibility. For example, she claimed that modern Jews can identify more with classical Sephardic tradition than with classical Ashkenazic tradition. Such bald statements merit no further comment from me; they merely reflect the flagrant carelessness which characterized the entire program.

Eban

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lem nations: Better to wait for the messianic age, rather than unanimity. Eban argued. Peace-making is gradual, evolutionary, he said. The first stage of Middle East peace, between Egypt and Israel, is a good place to start.

Eban praised the concept of self-government for the Palestinians and condemned the all-or-nothing approach of Palestinian extremists and their supporters.

Eban was preceded by addresses from York president Dr. Ian Macdonald, Prof. Sidney Eisen, former York dean of arts and David Wolinsky, son of the late Leonard Wolinsky.

The major grant from the Leonard Wolinsky Foundation has three important programs, the younger Wolinsky said: first, to provide conferences on Jewish life and education; second, to offer a year-in-Israel scholarship, preferably to a student in the York Judaic studies program; and third, to further aid in the training of teachers for Jewish school programs.

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Bathurst-Glencairn — Fabulous New
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Yonge-Steeles — Bungalow — \$84,900
\$15,000 down, one mortgage, solid brick detached, 2 bedrooms, modern kitchen, professionally finished basement, wet bar. In beautiful condition. Attached garage. Mr. Pister 224-2800.

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One mortgage at 10%, 3 bedrooms, family room, professionally finished basement, central air, double garage. Vendor bought firm! Mr. Pister 224-2800.

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Super luxury suite, well priced, huge living & dining rooms, den, family room, indoor and outdoor pools, squash & tennis courts, strict security, panoramic view. Stuart Farb 224-2800.

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This house has everything! Super large lot, 4 great bedrooms, family room & fireplace, finished basement & maids room plus countless extras! Jean Zimman 224-2800.

Bathurst-Betty Ann — \$116,900
1st offering — lovely 8 room backsplit, family room, walk-out & fireplace, air conditioning, pool sized lot. Mrs. Carmona 224-2800.

Attention Doctors — Professionals — \$230,000 or Best Offer
Architect's own home, contemporary design. Convenient York Mills location with lots of parking and separate entrance to finished above ground lower level. Air conditioned, pool size lot. Very attractive home. Mrs. Carmona 224-2800.

York Mills Prestige — Showcase Condo — \$350,000
The "Ultimate" in luxury living, fabulous modern architecture that lends itself to gracious entertaining. 9 king-sized rooms, all bedrooms with ensuite, loaded with unbelievable extras, heated driveway, built-in microwave, sauna, Persian carpets, etc. Impeccably decorated. Must be seen. Mrs. Carmona 224-2800.

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Exceptional 4 bedroom, 2 storey, double garage, main level family room & fireplace, laundry & powder rooms, Hollywood kitchen, walk-out, central air, walking distance to synagogues, schools, etc. Rose Stone 224-2800.

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Attractive and huge 4 bedroom 2 storey semi, main level den & powder rooms, garage. Rose Stone 224-2800.

Bathurst-Lawrence — \$164,900
New custom designed 4 bedroom home of quality and comfort, family room & fireplace, circular stairs, double garage. Mr. Verrall 224-2800.

Bathurst-Steeles-Don Mills \$59,000 to \$72,000.
3 bedroom townhouses, attached garages, finished rec rooms, close to synagogues and transportation. 5 appliances, must sell. Mary Fenyes 224-2800.

Finch-Seneca — Only \$139,000
Excellent buy — 5 bedroom 2 storey, on quiet crescent, separate living & dining rooms, main floor family room with open fireplace, walk-out, 4 piece ensuite, central air. Mary Fenyes 224-2800.

Bathurst-Steeles — Help — Vendors Have Bought!
Impeccable air conditioned 4 bedroom backsplit, separate dining room, family room/wet bar, 3 baths, broadroom, loaded with extras, must sell. Mrs. Roness 224-2800.

Leslie-Cummar — \$30,000 Down
Professionally decorated 4 bedroom 2 storey, main floor family & laundry rooms, 3 walk-outs, maid quarters on lower level. Sarah Rovel 224-2800.

Bathurst Executive — \$275,000
Unique 2 storey custom built Architecture designed, about 6,500 square feet of luxury, backing onto treed ravine, 17' deep lot, fully equipped gourmet kitchen, 4 skylights, 2 fireplaces, 4 king sized bedrooms & family room & den. Must be seen to appreciate. Ahuva Benegbi 224-2800.

Bathurst & Drewry — \$179,900
Beautiful custom built 5 level backsplit, 4 bedrooms, 5 baths, Rosewood paneled family room, extra modern kitchen, finished 2 level & walkout basement & sauna, many extras. Close to all conveniences. Ahuva Benegbi 224-2800.

Bathurst Manor — Well Priced
Beautiful 3 bedroom sidesplit, family room & fireplace, completely finished basement, huge living & dining room, double garage, many extras. Ahuva Benegbi 224-2800.

Bathurst-Wilson — \$20,000 Down
Beautiful 3 bedroom bungalow, extra modern kitchen, huge living & dining room, completely finished basement apartment, double garage, close to all conveniences. Ahuva Benegbi 224-2800.

Quail Valley — Ravine
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By FAYE LIFSHITZ

JERUSALEM — A sad, dark-eyed Russian woman faces her television interviewer across the table. In softly spoken Hebrew she tells of the intimidation campaign being waged in the Soviet Union against her husband, the dissident Anatoly Scharansky. She expresses the hope that he will join her soon in Israel.

The situation before the camera is not unusual, but what is unique about this particular interview is that it is being conducted by a 13-year-old Israeli boy.

The interviewer, Sharar Ben-Ami is a veteran reporter by now, part of a team of youngsters who produce the highly original Israeli television program *Sheket, Meshadrim!* (Quiet, We're on the Air!). Sharar and his other colleagues go on the air every two weeks with a half hour magazine of news items, feature stories and music.

The entire program is produced and presented

by young people with some minimal help from adult experts. It is an experiment that is working very well, to judge from the enthusiastic response the program is having from both children and adults.

The television magazine is the brainchild of Israeli-born Dalia Borenstein — petite, lively, involved. Dalia was born in 1947 in the seaside town of Netanya only a short time before the state of Israel came into being.

During the tumultuous days of 1947, when Jewish inhabitants of the Holy Land were struggling with the British occupying force, baby Dalia, according to her sister, kept the rapt attention of a British search party seeking three British sergeants who had been kidnapped by a Jewish underground group.

The house-to-house search did not reveal the three hostages who had in fact been hidden temporarily by the Jews in a nearby well, one which

Dalia's father, the first settler of Netanya, had dug himself.

Dalia's father had immigrated to Israel from Ukraine in 1930; her mother, she says, "was born in the Old City of Jerusalem," speaking with the slightly reserved pride of an Israeli revealing her strong ties to the Holy City. Dalia herself grew up in Netanya.

After her army service, where she served as a lieutenant, she travelled to the United States for a few months — and stayed for five years while she studied T.V. and film production and directing. She completed her BA in film and T.V.

Talented and bursting with ideas, Dalia returned to Israel in the summer of 1972, ready to contribute her skills to Israel's fledgling, but fast growing T.V. industry. The following year, she started work at Israel Television in the children's programming department.

Most observers agree

that the standard of children's programs in Israel is very high, a mixture of the best available "canned" shows from abroad and excellently produced local material. Ester Sofer, head of the children's programming department, is dedicated to producing the best that is possible on her shoestring budget. "Only the best is good enough for our children," she says. "I believe that in Israel our children's population is unique. Youngsters live under a certain stress and we must plan programs for them very carefully, keeping in mind that their values and ideas are heavily influenced by the programs they watch."

When T.V. was introduced in Israel after the Six Day War, *Sami and Susu* was the first program produced for children. It was in Arabic in accordance with the initial policy of having the bulk of air time devoted to broadcasting in Arabic, to counteract the propaganda being received on the air from Arab countries. The program became so popular that later Hebrew subtitles were added to include the vast Hebrew speaking audience that had become attracted to the show.

Sami and Susu, the adventures of a little boy and a puppet, had an enormous following and ran for five years. During this time, of course, other children's programs were introduced in Hebrew and today there are separate programs in Arabic and Hebrew for children. Both Ester Sofer, and Selim Fatal, the head of the Arabic programming department, agree that Israeli children, Jew and Arab, like the same things as other children all over the world — stories with fantasy, imagination, adventure, humor — and above all, honesty in presentation.

"There is never any element of propaganda or politics on the programs,"

says Sofer, "although obviously the locally produced films have local color and deal with the Israeli reality." Says Selim Fatal, an Iraqi born Jew, "our children are the adults of tomorrow, and we absolutely reject any element of propaganda in our programming."

Dalia Borenstein came into the children's programming department in December, 1973. The country was in an emotional depression in the months following the Yom Kippur War, and there were thousands of children feeling frightened and bewildered at home, with most of their fathers still away for months of reserve duty after the war. Says Dalia, "I felt the need to dedicate myself to producing a program for

the 10 to 14-year-olds, a been sufficiently catered for until then. I wanted to do a program that would help them handle the fears and anxieties they were experiencing as a result of the war."

Dalia's immediate task was to get to know the audience she would be working for. "I had little contact with children of that age group — so I started to get together with them, to find out what they liked, what books they read, what music they listened to, what they did at school and outside of school. I met with educators, with parents — but primarily my aim was to get to know the children." It took months of planning, trying on ideas and discarding some, before

Sheket Meshadrim! was put together. "But it was clear to me from the start," recalls Dalia, "that this should be a program from children — to children."

Finally, Dalia hit on the idea of a magazine of the air — a program where children would suggest the topics, children would research, interview, edit and broadcast. Adults would participate only insofar as it was necessary.

Thirty children were chosen from hundreds who turned up from Jerusalem schools to participate in a course on television programming and production. Youngsters from all over the country were invited to write in suggested topics for the program. Production began, with a few adults

coming in at the editing stage, but the children actually called the shots.

"There is tremendous potential to be tapped in his age group," says Dalia. "Their creativity and imagination have not yet started to be crushed. Very often they come up with a new angle, a new approach to a subject, that would not occur to an older reporter. And when a child is the interviewee, he or she is far more likely to open up to someone of his own age. Thus, there have been some extremely frank and open interviews in programs on juvenile delinquents, problems faced by deaf children, difficulties of youngsters

who have recently immigrated to Israel, analyses of children immigrated to Israel, analyses of children who quit school to go to work."

Will Dalia Borenstein stay with this program indefinitely? As a creative and curious Israeli, she

will probably finish her MA and conceive new television programs. "I will always continue my work with youngsters," says the petite producer, who in her blue jeans and sweater is sometimes difficult to distinguish from her youthful staff.

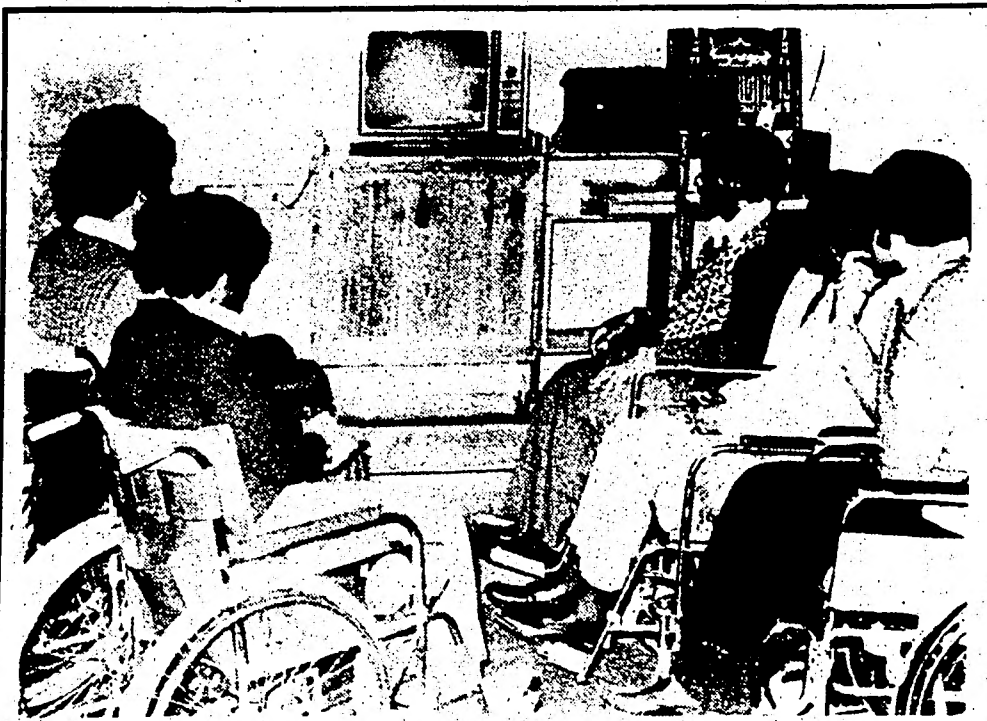
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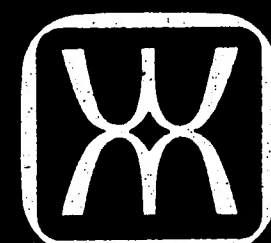


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